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Thatcher lets £ rise towards two dollars

Sterling up as Lawson policy is overruled

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Prime Minister has overruled the Chancellor and forced a change in the policy of holding the pound down against the European currencies.

Mrs Thatcher yesterday gave a further upward boost to sterling by ruling out interest rate cuts or heavy foreign exchange intervention to restrain it.

Dealers expect the pound to push higher, buoyed by Britain's high interest rates and the healthy state of public finances, and a two-dollar pound is now seen as a strong possibility.

"Investors are putting their money into the only major country running a budget

surplus," said Mr David Morrison, international economist at Goldman Sachs, the investment bank. "It sounds as if the Prime Minister wants a strong exchange rate. We are back on track for a \$1.90 to \$2 pound."

The pound rose by 2.45 cents to \$1.8415 yesterday, adding to its 4.25 cent rise on Monday. Against the mark, sterling rose by 2.5 pfennigs to DM3.0695, well above the old unofficial DM3 ceiling which cracked on Monday. The sterling index rose by 0.8 points to 77.0.

But sterling's rise, and possible adverse consequences for export industries has killed off the pre-Budget rally in share prices. The FT-SE 100 index fell by 3.2 points to 1,815.0 yesterday.

Mrs Thatcher, asked about the pound's rise during Question Time by the Labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, said: "The only way to deal with that is either to have excessive intervention which would lead to inflation and this is not part of our policy. Or, in fact, to deal with the matter by interest rates, which would not be in the interests of inflation at the present time."

Her comments snuffed out immediate hopes of lower base rates in the City, and provided dealers with a further reason for putting their funds into sterling, with Britain's interest rates well above those of the other leading economies. The pound jumped by one cent and two pence immediately after she sat down.

But her choice of words "at the present time" fuelled speculation among Conservative backbenchers that a cut could be on the cards at least after the Budget next week.

Mr Kinnock had said: "We have record trade deficits and our balance of payments continues to deteriorate. In these circumstances, are you content to see the pound continuing to rise against the Deutschmark and the dollar?"

The Treasury refused to accept that the Prime Minister's comments in the House of Commons signalled a shift in policy. They stressed that her statement on interest rates did not rule out a reduction in response to changed circumstances and, in particular, to a further strong rise in the pound.

"If monetary conditions tightened to a degree we considered excessive, we would have to consider cuts in interest rates," a senior official said. "We are certainly not going to let the exchange rate rip."

Officials at the Treasury also said that the Bank of England's intervention in the foreign exchange markets last year, which produced a \$20

billion rise in Britain's foreign exchange reserves, was not excessive but was "prudent market management".

It is accepted, however, that there are important differences in philosophy between the Prime Minister and the Chancellor on the exchange rate. The Chancellor has favoured early full membership of the European Monetary System and has seen the policy of the past year as "shadowing" the EMS.

Mrs Thatcher is opposed to EMS entry, and is much more inclined towards sterling floating freely rather than tightly managed exchange rates.

Her comments added to the confusion in the City over Monday's shift in policy, and the removal of the unofficial DM3 ceiling for the pound which had been operated for 12 months.

"It seems like the whole basis of policy for the past year and the run-up to what will be a well-received Budget has gone out of the window," said Dr Gerard Lyons, economist at SBCI-Savory Mill.

Mr Keith Skeoch, economist at Jamn Capel, the broker, who also expects sterling to rise to the \$2 level, said: "The pound will be driven up to a level where Britain is uncompetitive against the European currencies."

"We have seen a significant change of policy," said Mr David Simmonds, foreign exchange adviser at Midland Bank. The next resistance point for the pound will be at DM3.10.

The pound's sharp rise has come as a shock to industry, which had applauded the Chancellor's policy of holding the pound steady against the mark.

"Business is now concerned because there is uncertainty about what the Government's monetary and exchange rate policy is," said Mr John Caff, economics director of the Confederation of British Industry.

"If it remains at this higher rate, it will be more difficult to sell into Europe and it will be easier for people to sell into this market," he added. "This is just what you don't want at a time when you are trying to interest people in 1992 and the Single European Market."

Chemicals and steel, electrical and electronic goods and vehicles are key industries where sales and profits prospects for British companies could be hit by sterling's strength against the mark.

ICI confirmed that the rise of sterling against the mark could affect profit margins on much of the £2 billion of chemicals, paints and other products it sells to continental Europe where the three big West German chemical groups are competitors.

Railwaymen to strike over health service

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Train drivers based at King's Cross station in London plan to strike for 24 hours from midnight on Sunday in support of the National Health Service.

British Rail says they will be sacked or it will take legal action against them.

The drivers, all members of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef), passed a resolution to take action in

protest at "the continued rundown of the NHS and to support hospital workers taking action".

The branch is to ask members of the National Union of Railwaymen who work at the terminus to join the strike.

BR countered that any such unofficial action would be a breach of their contracts of employment. If the 24-hour strike went ahead, it would sue for compensation.

Super Tuesday runners cast off Southern garb

From Frank Johnson Washington

Voting on "Super Tuesday" yesterday ended weeks in which the rest of America was forced to think about the South as a geographical entity more often than at any time since the last shots of the Civil War (1865) or to give the primary its full historical significance, the opening shots of *Gone With The Wind* (1939).

Magnificent black choirs, comprised of huge ladies, hymned the arrivals of the Rev Jesse Jackson (Democrat). As he spoke, Mr Jackson's crowds wept and cried "Amen", no matter how secular the subject — the need to curb the federal deficit being transformed into a fit subject for religious ecstasy under the power of his impassioned oratory.

Mr Pat Robertson (Republican) assured his audiences: "Mah daddy was a Southern Senator." Senator Albert Gore (Democrat) also had a "daddy" who was a Southern Senator, and ran a campaign which seemed to be based solely on the additional information that Gore, jun., was also one too.

Vice-President George Bush, faced with the problem of his having been

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born in New England, emphasized that from his days as a Texas congressman he had a home in Houston. It is a suite in the Houstonian Hotel, actually. But he made it sound for all the world like one of the last manned outposts from Texas's war with Mexico.

Political tension grows over Gibraltar killings



A bomb disposal expert with his sniffer dog searches a dustbin along the route taken by the Royal Anglian Regiment, which mounted the Ceremonial Guard yesterday in Gibraltar.

Firms in price-fixing cartels face huge fines

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Firms involved in price-fixing cartels could be fined millions of pounds under proposals for a drastic revision of the law on restrictive trade practices.

The plans, revealed by the Government yesterday, include a provision for companies participating in such cartels to be fined up to 10 per cent of their turnover.

Under the proposals competition would be brought into every sector of business life. In a politically risky move which could cause an adverse reaction among traditional Conservative supporters, the new rules will embrace middle class professions such as the law, accountancy and architecture. Manufacturers, retailers and estate agents will also be covered.

The new law will not just apply to rigid price-fixing deals. It would apply also to informal arrangements "including those which are oral or just tacitly understood".

A new competition authority, to be based on the existing Office of Fair Trade

ing, will be given sweeping powers to search and enter premises and seize documents to investigate possible restrictive trade practices.

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In a move which could open the way to massive lawsuits against price-fixing firms, the Government will encourage those who suffer by such deals to seek compensation in the courts as an additional punishment. It is also thinking of backing American-style "class actions" which would allow all the customers of a price-fixing firm to act together in court to seek reparation.

A Green Paper published yesterday, the *Review of Restrictive Trade Practices Policy*, says: "The Government want to encourage private actions in this area of the law."

Ministers confirmed yesterday that any exemplary damages awarded would be in addition to fines imposed if the competition authority

found a company guilty of conducting anti-competitive practices.

The proposals for reforming the 30-year-old law on restrictive practices were introduced yesterday by Lord Young of Graffham, who practised as a solicitor, and Mr Francis Maude, Minister for Corporate Affairs at the Department of Trade and Industry, a barrister. Consultation will continue until September and legislation is planned for the 1989-90 session of Parliament.

Under the Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1976, agreements on medical, legal, dental, ophthalmic and veterinary services are excluded. So are agreements among architects, accountants, patent agents, surveyors, engineers and many other professions. They could still win exemption under the proposed law but the Green Paper makes it clear that professions exempted at present will not be excluded automatically. They will have to prove their case to win exemption under the new law.

Seized Briton free and well

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, west Beirut

Mr Peter Coleridge, the British relief worker seized by radical Palestinian guerrillas in southern Lebanon last week, was freed unharmed yesterday, saying he committed a big mistake by taking photographs of a Palestinian refugee camp frequently targeted by the Israeli Air Force.

"I respect what was done to us for good reason and I respect the way we were treated," the 44-year-old Oxford area co-ordinator told reporters at the home of Mr Mustapha Saad, the leader of Sidon's most powerful militia, who successfully mediated on his behalf and that of Mr Omar Traubouli, a Syrian national who heads Oxfam's Beirut office.

Mr Coleridge looked fit and in good spirits as he answered questions in fluent Arabic, but



Mr Peter Coleridge: He was well treated by captors. He gave only the basic details of his ordeal. He said he did not know who held him and his colleague for six days and described his experience as a "detention", not a kidnapping.

There was little doubt that Mr Coleridge and Mr Traubouli had been taken by guerrillas of the Fatah-Revolutionary Council of the Palestinian radical leader Abu Nidal.

At the same news conference Mr Walid Khaled, the spokesman of the Abu Nidal group, explained that the pair had been held "for questioning as a precautionary measure after taking pictures in military zones of the Palestinian refugee camp of Ein el-Helweh without obtaining a permission. We informed Mustapha Saad upon their detention that they were being interrogated."

He added: "We practised our natural right in preserving the safety and security of our

Explosives in third IRA car found in Spain

By Tony Dawe and Michael Evans, Richard Ford in Belfast, and Dominique Searle and Richard Wigg

A frantic search for the third, potentially lethal, car used by the IRA terrorists shot dead in Gibraltar on Sunday ended in the Spanish resort of Marbella last night, it was reported in Madrid.

Spanish national radio said the car had been found in the resort and that it contained explosives and a stopwatch timed for 11 a.m. — the time a Royal Anglian Regiment parade in Gibraltar was due to start. It went ahead yesterday without incident.

But there was increasing political and diplomatic tension in the wake of the shootings. While politicians in Westminster, Belfast and Dublin have been quick to acknowledge that the IRA was planning a devastating attack, many have expressed concern at the way the terrorists were shot.

And in Gibraltar, demands were growing for a public inquiry into Sunday's shooting of the three unarmed terrorists and the coroner, Mr Felix Pizzarello, promised a full inquest into the deaths.

He has also released the bodies of the three terrorists, Mairead Farrell, Daniel McCann and Sean Savage. They could be flown home today, creating fears among the British and Irish authorities that their arrival and subsequent funeral will lead to a huge demonstration of support for the IRA.

from the British authorities about all aspects of the three fatal shootings.

In London, Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, urged Mrs Thatcher to hold an inquiry, and said: "People cannot be given a licence to kill."

Police in Spain and on the Rock, aided by British security officials, were continuing to search for further terrorists.

The British and Irish authorities feared a backlash because of the many unanswered questions surrounding Sunday's events.

The Spanish police said that they were hunting for a fourth and possibly fifth terrorist involved with the three who died, as well as Spanish sympathizers who may have helped them. But sources in Belfast ruled out the suggested involvement of Evelyn Glenholmes, who is wanted in connection with several IRA bombings.

The IRA has claimed that its active service unit had been supplied with 140lb of Semtex explosive.

Whitehall sources defended the shootings, saying the operation had been "very tightly controlled" and that it had been necessary to shoot the terrorists because of fears that they were holding automatic detonating devices which could have triggered a bomb.

More details emerged yesterday of the different agencies involved in what sources described as "a highly co-ordinated operation". Apart from the SAS and the Royal Ulster Constabulary's E4A undercover unit, which trailed the three terrorists on their flight to southern Spain, intelligence was supplied by

The Irish Government, in its first public response, said it was "gravely disturbed that three unarmed Irish people should have been shot dead in Gibraltar on Sunday when it appears from reports that they could have been arrested by the security forces involved".

The statement added that Dublin was seeking full details

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Whitehall anger on Panama raid

By Ronald Faux

The Panamanian "border" in London was restored yesterday when a new door replaced that destroyed during the raid on Monday on the consulate-general in Tudor Street, but diplomatic relations between Whitehall and Panama remained in a damaged state.

Señor Guillermo Vega, the Panamanian Ambassador, was believed last night to be under threat of expulsion because of the incident.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, summoned

Señor Vega to explain.

Seven men wearing combat jackets, who drove a Land-Rover through the door on Monday evening, were held yesterday at Snow Hill Police Station. They were arrested under Section 2 of the Public Order Act and accused of violent disorder outside the building.

The Consul General, Señor Eduardo Arango, arrived yesterday to reclaim his consulate but was turned away.

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Life for executive who pushed wife off cliff to wed Filipino

By Kerry Gill

William Crowe, who pushed his wife to her death from a Scottish cliff top, was yesterday jailed for life after being found guilty of murder.

He had forced his wife, Mona, to whom he had been married for 33 years, over cliffs near Arbroath in September 1985 so that he would be free to marry a Filipino woman he had not met.

Crowe, aged 58, a former marketing manager, of Strathgry, Dundee, was found guilty of murder by a majority after the week-long trial before Lord Milligan at the High Court in Stonehaven, Grampian. The jury took less than two hours to reach its verdict.

Crowe had denied murder. The court was told that he had begun writing to June Casayuran from Manila in the Philippines, whom he contacted through an agency based in Blackpool. Crowe wrote to her that he was a widower and that his wife had died from breast cancer.

Crowe appeared outwardly to be the epitome of middle-class success.

A reserved, almost austere man, he had risen from the shop floor to own a luxurious bungalow outside Dundee, enjoy foreign holidays with his family and hold managerial positions with local companies.

His wife's death at the foot of the 100ft cliffs, at a place known as "the Mariners' Grave", appeared at first to have been a tragic accident.

The truth emerged only two years later. Crowe had written to the Orient Express agency in Lancashire, several months before the death of his wife, stating that he was a widower and was looking for a Filipino wife.

By June 1986 Crowe had met, wooed and married Miss Casayuran at the Trinity Church, Dundee. However the marriage was destined to fail.

Crowe became concerned at his new wife's obvious desire for the high-spending life of western Europe. His first shock came when the telephone bill arrived, for £1,000. She had spent much of her time telephoning relatives in the Philippines.

Meanwhile neighbours told her that Crowe's first wife had not died from breast cancer but had fallen from cliffs.

She was able to deduce that Crowe had first written to her three months before his wife's death.

Then she discovered that Crowe had been in touch with an organization known as the Filipino Bridal Agency seeking a replacement wife.

In October 1986 she left Crowe and later divorced him.

Crowe soon secured another, third wife, Emelita Santos, aged 26, a Manila social worker, known to him as Emy. The couple met in Dundee when she was visiting

a friend. They were married in Dundee register office in 1987.

Emelita said that she did not believe the story of Crowe's first wife's death.

"Her death destroyed him. Sometimes I would ask him what their marriage was like and he would choke on his tears."

"He told me she had fallen to her death from the cliffs, but he would never talk about the circumstances. I never pressed him", she said.

Crowe, a member of the Communist Party, later took to the church and the couple began worshipping regularly at an organization known as the Charismatic Fellowship in Perth Road, Dundee.

Last November, Emy returned to the Philippines for a holiday with her family. While there, she received a telephone call from her husband's son, William, telling her that Crowe had been arrested for murder.

Detectives searched Crowe's house after immigration officials had questioned his second wife, June.

Letters found in the house indicated that he had written to June claiming he was a widower months before his wife's death.

Photographs of Crowe, sent to June, showed him posing in places near Dundee. Police calculated that they were taken in the early summer of 1985, because of the lack of foliage on the trees.

Palace honour for ferry heroes



Lieutenant-Commanders Guido Couwenbergh and Alfons Daems (top); Mr Andrew Parker with his wife, Eleanor, and daughter, Janice (above); and (right), Mrs Lynda Skippin with the George Medal awarded posthumously to her husband.

By Howard Foster
Heroes and heroines of the Zeebrugge ferry disaster received their bravery awards yesterday from the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Lieutenant-Commander Guido Couwenbergh, the first Belgian navy diver on the scene, received the Queen's Gallantry Medal for his part in pulling 50 passengers from the flooded sea-deck.

Lieutenant-Commander Alfons Daems, the chief navy diver, also received the QGM.

Mr Stephen Homewood, aged 34, assistant purser of the ferry, one of 27 men and women receiving awards, said: "This honour is for the people who can't be here today".

Mr Andrew Parker, the 6ft 3in bank

official from Herne Hill, south London, who acted as a human bridge over which passengers scrambled to safety, was presented with the George Medal. Mrs Lynda Skippin, the widow of Michael Skippin, aged 30, head waiter in the Herald, who died helping others to safety, received her husband's posthumous George Medal at a private investiture in the blue drawing room.

Prize stirs Greek memories

A former sub-postmaster who has longed to return to Greece since he fought on the border with Albania during the Second World War is among six people who share yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition prize of £4,000. Each wins £666.66.

Mr Lawrence McCullum, of Chilworth, Guildford, Surrey, will be using his winnings to pay for a holiday for himself and his wife, Joan, in Greece.

"I have always wanted to see Athens, particularly the Acropolis, and this will come in very useful towards paying for it", he said.

Another winning couple, Mr James Stewart and his wife, Joan, will be using their money for a less distant holiday and are hoping to visit a sick relative in Ulster. "It was a very pleasant surprise", Mr Stewart, a retired furniture buyer, of Baile Terrace, Edinburgh, said.

The other winners were Mr P D Bulpitt, of Carroll Close, Branksome, Poole, Dorset; Miss E Porter, of Longfield Gardens, Tring, Hertfordshire; Mr N Willis, of Meadow Side, Cambridge Park, Twickenham, west London; and Mr Tony Nugent, of Woodside, Wimbledon, south London.

Butterfly axe

Five acres of trees on the National Trust's Sherborne Estate in the Cotswolds are to be thinned to protect a group of rare caterpillars which dislike shade.

Long arm ...

Two handcuffed prisoners made a dash for freedom from Luton Magistrates' Court yesterday morning, only for one to go one side of a lamp post and one the other. They crashed together, leaving one with chest injuries and the other with a dislocated wrist.

Aids in Europe

Virus likely to infect 10m by 1991

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Up to 10 million people across Europe will be infected with the Aids virus by 1991 with 100,000 of them suffering from the disease, according to new estimates by World Health Organization researchers.

The cost of caring for patients and preventing further spread of the epidemic will then cost European countries a total of about £3 billion a year, the experts predict.

Separate research shows that in Britain, there will be rapid increases in the number of children with Aids who were infected by their mothers, while the number of cases of the disease among heterosexuals will grow slowly, doubling every 12 months or so.

Their predictions were published yesterday at the opening in London of a three-day international conference on the disease attended by more than 1,000 specialists.

More than 250 British children are known to be infected with the Aids virus, most of them because their mothers were drug abusers who used contaminated needles. About 20 of these children have developed Aids and about half of them have died.

According to a study carried out at the Government's Communicable Disease Sur-

The HIV virus is likely to be more prevalent in British prisons than officially acknowledged, according to an Aids expert who gave a lecture in London yesterday (Peter Evans writes).

Dr Timothy Harding, principal medical officer at Geneva prison and reader in legal medicine at Geneva University, said more than 10 per cent of the prisoners in western Europe may be HIV carriers.

But the Prison Department told *The Times* that since late 1984 and early 1985 in England and Wales a total of 164 cases of HIV positive had been identified and 51 of them were still in prison. One prisoner developed Aids and died in an outside hospital in 1985.

Dr Harding said that the "extremely low" figure reported from England and Wales was surprising in view of the known high level of drug

dependent prisoners in English prisons, but might well reflect a low level of screening.

The Prison Department said that doctors were not empowered to take blood from a patient without his or her consent. Inmates were questioned to see if they had been at risk.

A spokesman agreed that the Department therefore did not know exactly how many inmates were HIV positive.

Dr Harding called for the implementation of measures proposed by the World Health Organization. One was that prisoners with Aids should be considered for compassionate early release to die in dignity and freedom.

Dr Harding was addressing a seminar on health issues in prison, convened by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders.

veillance Centre, there will be a rapid increase in the number of children born with the virus.

Many of these cases will emerge among children aged between five and 13 years because either they or their parents are haemophiliacs who became infected through contaminated blood products.

Another CDS report published at the conference suggests that the rate of increase of Aids among homosexual and bisexual men will begin to slow down from 1990 onwards with a slow increase in the number of heterosexual cases and a rapid surge of Aids among drug injectors.

The conference was opened yesterday by Mr Antony Newton, the Minister for Health, who defended the Government's Aids publicity campaign.

"Although research has shown widespread public support for our campaign, the approach of targeting the general population has been criticized in some quarters for being both unnecessary and alarmist", he said.

"It is certainly true that so far, unlike the position in some other countries, we are aware of relatively few cases of infection acquired as a result of heterosexual activity. Nevertheless I believe it is right in the UK to warn the general public."

He said that the spread of infection in the general population was limited.

● The latest Aids figures for Scotland, released by the Scottish Home and Health Department, show that to the end of February there were 47 cases, of whom 23 had died.

Sufferers included 31 homosexual or bisexual males and three intravenous drug users. One was presumed to have contracted Aids through heterosexual activity abroad and the remainder were the recipients of infected blood or blood products.

Voucher plea for social care

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

People with special needs should be given vouchers to buy community care, according to a government-commissioned report, published today.

The report, from an independent committee chaired by Lady Wagner, suggests that people needing residential care, domiciliary help or social services support should be able to buy in appropriate services.

They would be issued with a community care allowance or a voucher, equivalent to the cost of certain services, which they could either spend directly or exchange for local authority, voluntary or private services.

Alternatively, they could bank the sum with the area social services office where a nominated social worker

would assemble a package of care services.

The Wagner committee was commissioned by the Department of Health and Social Security in 1985 to review the role of residential care.

The report, which has taken more than two years to complete, concludes that people must be given more choice over the care they receive and services should be monitored.

"At the moment you get either porridge or no porridge", Lady Wagner, a former chairman of Dr Barnardo's, said yesterday. "People ought to have far more choice. Residential care must be seen as a positive choice for people to make. We must get rid of the stigma and fear now attached to it."

The report says that local

authorities should do all they can to allow people to stay in their own homes and those who do go into residential homes should be allowed a trial period.

It is likely that the voucher system will be compatible with a report on community care from the Prime Minister's adviser on health, Sir Roy Griffiths, due to be published next week.

The Griffiths report will argue that local authorities should have the main responsibility for providing community care and that they should have the powers to buy in packages of care from other sectors.

Residential Care: A Positive Choice (Stationery Office: £5.50). *Residential Care: The Research Reviewed* (Stationery Office: £9).

Constable put crimes on his own computer

A special constable who stored details of his work on his personal computer at home will be prosecuted by the Government's Data Protection Service.

Officers from the Registrar's enforcement branch raided the man's home in Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, after a judge granted them their first warrant.

The Data Protection Service began operation last year under new legislation giving the public access to personal information stored on computer.

The officer was reported by one of his own colleagues after it was discovered he was entering details of car numbers and events he felt were suspicious.

Mother 'put child in tumble drier'

A mother put her son aged two inside a tumble drier and switched it on, spinning him round two or three times, Nottingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

The woman, aged 25 and from Lincolnshire, denies two charges of child cruelty and three of assault.

Judge Hopkin made an

order that the child should not be identified.

The child was not hurt after going round inside the drier but he was very badly shaken, the court was told.

On another occasion the mother had dipped the boy's penis into a hot cup of tea for 20 seconds and later the same day punched him on the

mouth, causing swelling. The alleged incidents were said to have happened at a house in Balderton, near Newark, Nottinghamshire.

One witness described how she saw the boy in the drier. The mother switched it on and was "falling about laughing". The hearing continues today.



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Racehorse trainer 'swindled owner'

By Ian Smith

The Jordanian owner of a champion racehorse was systematically swindled out of racing expenses by a trainer before the gelding fell during a televised hurdle meeting and had to be destroyed, a crown court jury was told yesterday.

Mr John Kay, QC, for the prosecution, said that Mr Roger Fisher had capitalized on the owner's lengthy absences abroad, his preoccupation with complex business matters and English language difficulties to charge grossly inflated bills for training and upkeep.

Mr Kay told Preston Crown Court, Lancashire, that the racehorse, Ekbaloo, rose to prominence during the four years he was stabled at Great Head House, at Bardsea, near Ulverston, Cumbria.

He said Ekbaloo had finished second in his second race in late 1979 and won for the first time in February 1980 at Bangor, north Wales. In the next four seasons, he won 11 times.

However, the horse had met a sudden and tragic end while running in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle in November 1983, Mr Kay said.

Mr Fisher, aged 45, has pleaded not guilty to three charges of obtaining property by deception, two of attempted deception, two offences of theft and one of forgery involving a total of £49,200.

Mr Kay said all the offences involved continued overcharging for training, veterinary, stabling and travel costs. The Crown alleged the scale and frequency of the overcharging made clear it was caused by deliberate dishonesty.

The court was told that Mr Fisher had purchased the racehorse, then an unborn three-year-old, at Doncaster for £10,000 after a business meeting with Mr Tawfiq Shakir Fakhouri.

Mr Kay said that possibly because of language difficulties, Mr Fakhouri thought he was the sole owner. However, he had agreed to share equally any

prizemoney with Mr Fisher in return for half-price training and stabling costs.

He said Mr Fisher had insisted that he had been given joint ownership of Ekbaloo. In February 1982, he sold his share in the horse for £30,000.

On one occasion, Mr Fakhouri was charged for steroid injections which could not have been given because it was the racing season.

Mr Kay said that Mr Mohammed Saifi, who took charge of Mr Fakhouri's British affairs in August 1982, quickly found he was being charged full training costs and was being asked to pay for work which was not carried out.

He said Ekbaloo was insured for £60,000. After his death, an insurance company sent a cheque for £30,000 to Mr Fisher which should have been forwarded to Mr Fakhouri. Instead, the trainer had forged the owner's signature, paid the money to his own bank account and sent a cheque to Jordan for £25,820. The case continues today.

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Kinnock attacks Thatcher over rise in the pound

The continuing rise in the value of the pound against other currencies led to sharp exchanges between Mr Neil Kinnock and the Prime Minister.

Mrs Thatcher maintained at question time that getting and keeping inflation down was the first priority of Government policy.

Mr Kinnock said that there was a record trade deficit and the balance of payments continued to deteriorate. In those circumstances was the Prime Minister content to see the pound continuing to rise against the Deutsche Mark and the dollar?

Mrs Thatcher said that the only way to deal with that was to have excessive intervention - which would lead to inflation and that was not part of Government policy, which was aimed at getting inflation down - or to deal with the matter by interest rates, and that was not in the interest of inflation at the present time.

Mr Kinnock: So is she saying that it does not matter how high the pound goes?

Mrs Thatcher: I am saying that getting and keeping inflation down is the most important thing of all. He is aware that the

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Government believes last month's figures were a freak.

At the same time as last month's figures were announced there was a reduction in the deficit of the December figures. There has also been a reduction in the current account deficit for 1987.

Mr Kinnock said that the United Kingdom had the highest real interest rates in the industrialized world, a balance of trade deficit, the balance of payments was continuing to deteriorate, there was the lowest level of personal savings and the highest level of personal debt.

"How long does she think that condition can continue?"

Mrs Thatcher said that if he looked at the figures he would see that the balance of payments deficit was very small compared with those of the Labour Government - (Conservative cheers and Labour interruptions) - very small indeed. Last year it had been £2.5 billion, which was precisely what the Chancellor had forecast in the Budget and he had been the one forecaster who had been spot on.

● The lessons of the success of targeting money specifically on reducing hospital waiting lists are being learnt, Mrs Thatcher said during question time.

Sir John Farr (Harborough, C) asked: Can the Prime Minister explain why we are spending so much on the National Health Service but there are so many complaints? Can she reiterate that the NHS is safe in her hands (laughter)?

Mrs Thatcher: I recollect very well Labour Party budget days and their control and management of economic policy leading to the slashing of hospital capital expenditure and cuts in pay for doctors and nurses.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C) will she reflect on the fact that by targeting a relatively small amount of money to the reduction of waiting lists, there has been considerable success.

If further amounts were invested, targeted directly on acute services, it might, for a small additional outlay, provide disproportionate benefits.

Mrs Thatcher: I am very much aware of what he says, that money, instead of going generally, was targeted to getting waiting lists down, and we shall learn the lessons.



Tory protest over 'gay' videos

Some teachers of infant children in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, were reported to be misusing the Office for the Promotion of the Study of Sexuality (OPSS) video in promoting homosexuality in South Africa and elsewhere. Mrs Thatcher said that the matter of the bookshop had been raised in the House last week, and that the point about the use of Home Office grants referred to section 11 grants to help children from ethnic minority communities to achieve their full educational potential.

Dame Jill: Does the Prime Minister feel that this is a right and proper use of taxpayers' and ratepayers' money? Mrs Thatcher said that the matter of the bookshop had been raised in the House last week, and that the point about the use of Home Office grants referred to section 11 grants to help children from ethnic minority communities to achieve their full educational potential.

allegations that the grant is being used for other purposes. If that is the case, it may be withdrawn. The Department of Education and Science is also looking at the possibility that Harrogate may have contravened their statutory duty to forbid the promotion of partisan political views and to ensure that political issues are presented in a balanced way.

"They are looking at the matter with a view to taking action."

Committee of Privileges

Forgiving member overlooks insult

A Labour MP's motion to refer an article in *The Guardian* to the Committee of Privileges was withdrawn by its mover after he had admitted being of a forgiving nature.

The article complained of was the newspaper's parliamentary sketch of March 2.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab), moving the motion, said that by nature he was not a wittenger. He was prepared to hand it out and to accept it. But there were clear limits and the article by Andrew Rawnsley on March 2 grossly exceeded those limits.

It was gratuitously offensive

to named MPs and slandered most of the others on the Labour side. His complaint had been that, in the debate on unemployment benefits on March 1, only a handful of Labour MPs were in the chamber (Conservative MPs: it is true).

Mr Rawnsley had failed to mention that there were even fewer Tory MPs present (Labour laughter).

On the day in question Labour and Conservative MPs had been in committees or at a lobby of Parliament. In the circumstances, it was an insult for Mr Rawnsley to state that drink,

laziness and incompetence were the reasons for the absence of MPs from the chamber. When he realized how foolish he had been, he said that it was all meant to be light-hearted, but that merely added insult to injury.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said that on June 19, 1984, Mr Banks had opposed a similar motion and told the House that it was "an unpardonable waste of parliamentary time" (loud Conservative laughter).

Mr David Steel, joint leader of the SDLP, said that *The Guardian* had apologized twice

and that that ought to be the end of the matter.

Mr Erik Heffer (Liverpool, Walston, Lab) said that, while understanding the anger Mr Banks had felt about the allegations, there had been an apology and it should be accepted.

"There was a man who used to write here, Mr Frank Johnson. He pilloried me regularly but in a way that I used to read with laughter about. I hope that those who now sketch write would follow the example of Mr Frank Johnson and do it that way, which is not harmful or nasty, but something we can fully appreciate."

Peers fail to change trade union elections ruling

The Government's attempt in the Employment Bill to prevent some trade union leaders from avoiding having to stand for re-election by giving up their vote on their national executive committees was attacked by Opposition peers in the Lords.

But they failed to force a change to Clause 12, which extends to non-voting members of a union's NEC, and to the general secretary and president, the requirement for regular elections that applies to voting members.

An amendment, moved on the committee stage of the Bill by Lady Turner of Camden, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, was rejected by 152 votes to 118 - Government majority, 34. The amendment would have allowed unions to appoint such officers as general secretaries, rather than to elect them.

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Lady Turner said that some unions in recent years had become more professional and employed full-time professional staff. The chief executive must have power to manage these enterprises.

Many white-collar unions had looked outside their ranks for suitable chief executives, and such a person could not be expected to win an election because at the time of appointment he would not be a member.

If a white-collar union was to persuade bright young professional people to become officials, it must be able to offer them some job security.

Such people would not expect a job for life, but would expect not to be unfairly dismissed or

made redundant without compensation or pension rights, for instance.

It was malicious of the Bill to propose that these people should have to be elected.

The clause was originally introduced to catch one particular union president, but pursuing individuals was no way to legislate. The clause would have a destabilizing effect.

Lady Seear (SLD) supported the amendment. She said that if these professional union leaders, who were virtually the civil servants of trade unions, had to look over their shoulder to see if they were pleasing the membership, their chances of making unions more efficient would be seriously undermined.

Lord Murray of Epping (Lab) said that appointed general secretaries were, in fact, more accountable to the NEC than were elected people.

Rifkind must resign, angry MPs say

Much of the following report of a Commons debate on the privatization of the electricity industry appeared in later editions yesterday.

There were angry demands from Labour MPs for the resignation of Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, at the end of the debate on Monday night.

Mr Rifkind urged the South of Scotland Electricity Board and British Coal to go round a table to discuss their differences over the purchase of coal.

Winding up a debate on the

privatization of electricity, he said that for understandable reasons the SSEB wanted to pay as little as possible and British Coal wanted to charge as much as possible. If they both approached the problem constructively, there was no reason why agreement could not be reached.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, had attacked the Scottish Office for retaining a passive spectator while the Scottish coalfield was fighting for its life.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy,

moved the motion approving the Government's privatization proposals. He said that it would be neither possible nor desirable to transform the electricity industry overnight. They had at least two years to put the new structure in place.

The distribution companies would be the key to change. With turnovers of between £500 million and £1,500 million last year, they would be among the largest private-sector companies in their regions.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on energy,

moved an Opposition amendment accusing the Government of seeking, in the name of a doctrinaire concept of competition, to dismantle a successfully integrated system of electricity supply.

He said that the proposal was a triumph of ideology over common sense: it was thin on detail, with little about how the objectives were to be achieved.

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith (Kincardine and Deeside, C) said that it was dangerous to set short-term profits against long-

term stability and predictability. Once a deep mine was closed it would not reopen.

Mr Tony Speller (Devon North, C) said that the coal industry was in dire danger from cheap imports. "If you follow that line, you watch how the price will go rocketing up once you have destroyed your own indigenous industry."

The Opposition amendment was rejected by 329 votes to 219 - Government majority, 110.

The Government motion was carried by 326 votes to 18 - Government majority, 108.

Referendum Bill is introduced

Mrs Margaret Ewing (Moray, SNP) was given leave under the 10-minute rule procedure to introduce a Bill to allow a referendum in Scotland to establish the level of demand for constitutional change.

She said that 76 per cent of those who voted in Scotland at the 1979 general election had supported parties campaigning for the return of decision-making to the Parliament that was closed in 1979.

Every opinion poll showed

more than 70 per cent support for constitutional change and most Scottish MPs consistently voted for decentralization.

Yet the Government refused to accept any of that as evidence of Scotland's aspirations. "We therefore see our efforts to respond to democratic demands for change thwarted by a Government which turns its back on existing evidence."

The Bill, the Scottish Constitution (Referendum) Bill, was read a first time.

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Education Reform Bill Book details grassroots opposition

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has been "caught out" by a book detailing the extent of the grassroots opposition to his Education Reform Bill, it was claimed yesterday.

The change came from Mr Jack Straw, Labour's chief education spokesman, at a Westminster press conference to launch *Take Care, Mr Baker!* by Mr Julian Haviland, the former political editor of *The Times*.

The 100,000-word book is a distillation of the hitherto unpublished 18,000 responses to the 12 consultation papers is-

sued by the Secretary of State last summer before publishing his Bill, which yesterday completed its Commons committee stages largely intact.

There is wide general approval for certain proposals, such as the national curriculum and financial delegation to school governors, but that does not extend to the details of their implementation. Other aspects, such as opting out, are attacked from all sides.

Mr Straw said that it was to Mr Baker's shame that he had not published the responses from groups representing teach-

ers, governors, local councillors and parents.

But, he said, the Secretary of State had effectively admitted in committee yesterday that he had turned consultation into a "show" by ignoring the many critical replies. As a result, he had had to undergo "on-the-job learning", rewriting major parts of the legislation and turning its timetable upside down.

Mr Haviland said that his book, culled from millions of words deposited in the Commons library, demonstrated that anxiety about the Bill ranged

right across the political spectrum.

In his preface, Mr Haviland writes: "If this book seems overwhelmingly critical, it accurately reflects the weight of the advice offered. Naturally, even the Government's supporters felt it their duty to point to what they considered mistaken..."

The prevalent tone of voice indicates a bewilderment, by no means confined to Mr Baker's opponents, that so much of the detail of what is proposed appears to have been given so little serious thought."

Leader willing to take a few more risks

Mr David Steel is facing the most difficult decision of his career. Now that the Social and Liberal Democrats have brought forward the election of their first leader from October to July he has to make up his mind whether to stand.

In many respects he would be the natural choice. More than anybody else, he is the person who has brought the new party into being. This has been the culmination of a dozen stormy years leading the Liberals, the realization of what has always been his deliberate strategy.

Despite the stumbles along the way, especially the failure to bring the Owenites with him, this has still been a more notable achievement than it is now fashionable to acknowledge.

He retains his skill in presentation and an extraordinary resilience. Although he was much to blame for the fiasco of the policy statement in January, he none the less demonstrated an impressive capacity for leadership in the crisis.

What then could be more appropriate than to ask the engineer of the new vehicle to be



Geoffrey Smith

the first to take it on to the road?

The case for his doing so would to my mind be conclusive if two conditions were met. He would need to have a real appetite for the job and to appreciate that the task of leading the new party would be quite different from leading the Liberals.

When I first suggested these as essential requirements after the special Liberal Assembly in January I do not know if they

could be satisfied. From what Mr Steel has been saying in the meantime I am still more doubtful.

I do not know if he wants to take on the task. I do not believe he knows and, what is worse, he has been making the case against himself with what would otherwise be refreshing frankness. There is a limit to how much public agonizing the electorate will take from political leaders.

Mr Steel's predicament is further complicated by the timetable that the SDLP has now adopted. He has said that he will take a week over Easter to consider his position in peace and quiet. But the party has agreed that no candidate should declare himself before the end of May. How can he obey that injunction without giving the impression of continued dithering?

If Mr Steel does not stand, Mr Paddy Ashdown looks increasingly like the best choice. I have not always been one of Mr Ashdown's admirers. He got himself into the most appalling tangle a year or so ago over nuclear defence, on which his

ideas are still by no means clear. On other issues he has too often seemed to offer excitement rather than judgement.

But he has undoubted advantages both in style and in approach. More than any of his rivals, he has the sharpness and authority that command attention. For a smaller party, clamouring to be noticed, this is a great asset.

Yet it is his concept of where the new party should be pointing that seems to me even more valuable. He is thinking seriously about policy and of how the opposition parties should respond to the Thatcher revolution. He is not seeking to challenge her by arguing for the past against the future.

In that respect he reminds me of Dr Owen. I am not suggesting that the two are about to get together. But there was something distinctly Owenite in a certain amount of what Mr Ashdown said on *Weekend World* a couple of weeks ago.

He readily acknowledged that some of the changes Mrs Thatcher has made will last: the trade union reforms, the emphasis on enterprise and on individ-

Korea feels EEC anger

MPs agreed without a division early on Tuesday to remove tariff exemptions from iron and steel products of the Republic of Korea. The exemptions are part of the EEC Generalized System of Preferences for developing countries.

Mr Alan Clark, Minister of State for Trade, said that the action was in retaliation for an agreement reached between South Korea and the US on intellectual property rights. It had become known that Korea had no intention of extending the same concessions to other trading partners, particularly the EEC.

It was estimated that chemical and pharmaceutical firms lost \$100 million in direct sales to Korea and three or four times that amount in sales to third markets. Korea gained £172 million a year under the scheme by which its goods entered the UK duty free. This Order removed that advantage until Korea returned to the negotiating table.

Gibraltar thanksgiving

The action against IRA terrorists in Gibraltar has shown the importance of maintaining the Prevention of Terrorism Act, Mr David Harris (St Ives, C) said during Prime Minister's questions. Mrs Thatcher agreed that it was important to retain the Act.

Mr Harris said that the Prime Minister should congratulate all those who had played a part in dealing with what would have been a dastardly terrorist attack, and should reject the criticism of the actions of the security services.

Mrs Thatcher: I agree that it is important to retain the Act. Most of us are relieved that there is no repeat of the bombing of the Green Jackets, of the Horse Guards, of Enniskillen, or of Harrods at Christmas time.

Ferry debate is refused

Mr Brian Wilson (Cunningham North, Lab) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on the continuing industrial dispute halting ferry services operated by Caledonian MacBrayne on the Clyde.

He said that many thousands of people living in the island communities affected by the dispute were facing severe difficulties, with increasing shortages of agricultural foodstuffs and consumer goods.

Survey of teachers

The Government is to bring forward by a year a secondary teacher staffing survey, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education, said in a written Commons answer. It will be held this month.

The aim was to establish up-to-date information on stocks of teachers, including those qualified to teach languages other than French. Likely demand for teachers, including modern language teachers, is being estimated in the light of the national curriculum.

Consultants get £60,000

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, is to pay consultants £60,000 to study the costs of preparing for and collecting the community charge, or poll tax.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and industry. Local Government Bill. Lords amendments. (2.30): Debate on the importance of energy generation.



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Relics of the Dark Ages must be banned, says Patten

Tougher knife laws to curb street crime

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Knuckledusters, catapults and sword-sticks are among weapons the Government proposes to outlaw in a crackdown on street crime.

Martial arts weapons such as rice flails and butterfly knives, whose blades can be hidden, are also included.

The list was announced yesterday by Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, under the Criminal Justice Bill. The Government is inviting comment on the proposals.

Mr Patten said that most of the weapons looked like relics of the Dark Ages and should be treated as such. They had no part in a civilized society.

"By banning these sorts of weapons altogether and by toughening the law on the possession of knives in public, the Government is acting to curb the damage wrought on some of our streets which is reflected in so many of our hospital casualty departments.

"Violent crime remains a small part of the whole criminal picture, but each incident is one incident too many."

The Bill would make it an offence to possess most knives

and sharply pointed articles in public without good reason, and would give the Home Secretary power to specify, with Parliament's approval, weapons which it would be an offence to manufacture or supply.

The penalty would be six months imprisonment and/or a fine of £2,000 for manufacturing or importing, advertising or selling any of the banned weapons.

Maximum fines for possession in the street of a sharp bladed instrument without due cause would be £400.

Owners would have to show that they were not carrying their sharp bladed instruments for an offensive purpose. Scout knives and Swiss army knives would be protected under the legislation.

The proposed list of specified weapons is: belt buckle knife/push dagger, blow-gun (unless licensed under the Firearms Act 1968), butterfly knife, catapult, foot claw, hand claw, hollow kobutan (small truncheon with spikes inside), knuckleduster, kusari gama (sickle-and-chain), kyoketsu shoge (hook knife

and chain), maurikigusari (weights joined by chain), nunchaku (rice flail), shuriken (death star), sword-stick and telescopic truncheon.

The Police Federation said yesterday: "These weapons can be very nasty, obviously capable of abuse and ought not to be around. I think this is very sensible and it will be welcomed."

The Prevention of Crime Act, 1953 makes it an offence to be in possession of an offensive weapon in a public place without reasonable excuse or lawful authority.

An offensive weapon is defined in the Act as either any article made or adapted for causing injury or any article intended by the person having it with him for such use. Most knives fall into the latter category and the police have made it clear that they regard this as too restrictive.

The new possession offence will abolish the burden on the police of showing intent on the part of the carrier to cause injury.

The new offence will enable other weapons to be banned in the same terms as flick knives



Mr John Patten yesterday with some of the weapons that he suggests should be made illegal: knuckleduster and hand claws which would be banned (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

'Equality Act' proposed to curtail sex bias

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A radical overhaul of the sex equality laws, including a new 'Equal Treatment' Act backed by tough sanctions to stamp out discrimination, has been called for by the Equal Opportunities Commission.

Its proposals, which have gone to the Home Secretary, are the most far-reaching agenda for change since the Sex Discrimination Act came into force in 1976.

Among the key proposals are an Act which would combine the Sex Discrimination and Equal Pay Acts and enshrine the principles of European law, based on the right to equal treatment in its broadest sense, covering discrimination based on grounds of family status or marital status, not just on grounds of sex.

It would feature a tougher and wider role for the commission so that it could bring proceedings in its own name instead of them having to be brought by individuals. It would also allow the commission to mount any investigation where equality of opportunity appeared to be denied and not just where it believes an unlawful act has occurred.

A basic minimum award of £500 for findings of unlawful discrimination and of £1,000 for victimization would be introduced, with any compensatory award, including injury to feelings, being made in addition. Payments would be enforceable in the manner of a county court judgement.

Compensation would be payable for the first time also in cases of indirect discrimination, and there would be a shift in the burden of proof so that once someone proved less favourable treatment, the onus would be on the respondent to show this was not due to sex, family status or victimization.

The two-year qualifying period relating to pregnant women before they are pro-

tested against unfair dismissal would be abolished, and there would be no qualifying period governing the right to return to work.

The commission also envisages a change to the law so that employers' pension arrangements would have to be equalized over a period, which the commission says cannot be done without equalization of the state pension ages.

The equality laws would be extended to private clubs that accept women members and to cover job advertisements placed by recruitment agencies.

The commission also calls for it to be made a duty of public bodies to work towards eradicating sex discrimination and promoting equal opportunities, such as through the provision of support services.

In general, it also urges the Government to adopt a "family policy" to complement the new laws, to cover the many issues that cannot be tackled through legislation, such as child care facilities, tax implications of child care expenses and parental leave.

Other proposals are for all tribunals on equality cases to contain at least one woman member, with specialized training for all tribunal members.

Lady Platt, chairman of the commission, said publication of the proposals after some 18 months of consultation and submissions from nearly 2,000 bodies, marked "an important day for the commission".

The proposals were the culmination of 12 years' experience of both the Sex Discrimination and Equal Pay Acts and were aimed at "simplifying and clarifying the law, and strengthening the powers of enforcement".

Equal Treatment for Men and Women: Strengthening The Acts (Equal Opportunities Commission, Overseas House, Quay Street, Manchester M3 3HN; free).

SALE ROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

£8m estimate on flawless diamond

Sotheby's New York will sell the largest and potentially most valuable diamond ever to appear at auction on April 19.

Internally flawless, pear-shaped and 85.91 carat, it is estimated at about \$8 million dollars, a likely candidate for a world record.

Mr Neil Leison, the gemologist, rates it "slightly below the Cullinan III, now in the British Crown jewels, and slightly above the Spoonmaker Diamond, now in the Topkapi Museum, Istanbul".

The consignment came about when an American possibly representing an Arab owner, rang Mr John Block, Sotheby's jewellery expert in New York.

Mr Block said: "Someone called and said, 'I understand you have been selling some major stones recently. I have one for you'. It was the most beautiful pear shaped diamond I have ever seen and handled."

The record diamond price is \$6.6 million dollars for a pair of ear pendants Sotheby's sold in Geneva eight years ago.

The house's first venture into second-hand car salesmanship in Geneva appeared on first assessment to be a flop on Monday night.

The two prize items were brought in - a 1934 Bugatti Type 55 Super Sport Roadster at £1.3 million, and a 1928 Mercedes-Benz 680 S Supercharged Cabriolet at £1.7 million.

Some 70 per cent of the total number of lots were sold, and trading continued into yesterday. Mr Malcolm Barber of Sotheby's was reasonably confident that he had found a buyer for another bought-in lot: a 1937 Mercedes-Benz 540 Supercharged Cabriolet, formerly the property of Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands.

A private British collector paid a record £102,016 for a Bentley 3-litre Speed Model Vanden Plas Tourer, a long, bottle green creation.

But the collection of Hispano-Suiza cars from which the idea for a car sale sprung did not do well.

Good prices included that of £141,935 for a 1933 Horch 670 V12 6-litre Cabriolet, with sweeping black running-boards. It sold to the Blackhawk museum on the west coast of America, as did a pillar-box red 1938 Delage D8 120S Aerospout Coupe, with coachwork by Letourner and Marchand, which fetched £119,758.

A 1912 Rolls-Royce 40/50hp Silver Ghost two-seat balloon car replica of the one created for Charles Rolls for his own ballooning exploits, and sent for sale by Mr Malcolm Forbes, the ballooning enthusiast, fetched £109,677, within estimate.

Phillips had its own world record yesterday, for an endearing painting entitled "The Poet Laureate Afloat". Sir John Betjeman in a rowing boat amid streams of busy water, by Ruskin Spear. At £17,600 (estimate £10,000 to £15,000) it was the highest price achieved at auction for the artist, selling to a private buyer.

The occasion was Phillips's Modern British sale, which also had mixed success, with a total of £400,000 and nearly one third unsold.

Top lot was for "Study in the Alps", by John Singer Sargent which originally hung in the National Gallery of Australia. Estimated at £50,000 to £80,000, it sold for £82,500 to the American trade.

Paintings from the Newlyn School maintained their popularity, one by Harold Harvey of Children on a Quay fetching £26,400 (estimate up to £20,000) selling to a private buyer. A watercolour of Spanish gypsy girls on a beach by Russell Flint went for £26,000 (estimate £12,000 to £18,000), while Sir John Lavery's portrait of his daughter sold for £10,000 above estimate at £19,800. Spectrum, page 12.

Police officers banned for seafront car chase

Two off-duty police officers in separate cars were involved in a bumper-to-bumper chase at up to 90mph along Queens Promenade, Blackpool, a court was told yesterday.

Other officers in unmarked cars and a patrol vehicle chased them for almost a mile before they were stopped, magistrates at Preston, Lancashire, were told.

The two pleaded guilty to driving without due care.

Police Constable Robert Rylands, aged 30, of Vicarage Road, Cleveleys, Lancashire, was fined £400 and banned for 18 months after also admitting exceeding the drink-drive limit. PC Mark Chesters, aged 21, of Larkholme Parade, Fleetwood, Lancashire, was fined £200 and banned for six months.

Pleas of not guilty to reckless driving were accepted. The two face police disciplinary procedures.

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Regional job development grants open to fraud

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The £400 million-a-year regional industrial aid scheme is open to fraud, is of questionable effectiveness and in some cases is likely to destroy jobs, Mr John Bourn, Comptroller and Auditor General, said in a report to the Commons yesterday.

The National Audit Office disclosed that in 1986 there were 20 cases of suspected fraud totalling more than £1 million involving the revised form of regional development grant introduced in 1984. A further 12 came to light in the first quarter of last year.

The report said the fraud had sometimes been detected in government inspections but more often as a result of tip-offs from disaffected employees and other sources.

In one case, a company was paid £120,000 to create 40 jobs in the mail-order industry. Police inquiries showed that no jobs had been created. In another, a plastic cup manufacturer was paid £240,000 to create 80 jobs. An inspector was told that the low number of workers present when he visited the factory was because of a shift system. Police inquiries found that only 45 jobs had been created.

The Government has set up a working group to investigate grant fraud.

Elsewhere in the report, the Audit Office said there had been "no significant change in the overall pattern of unemployment as between assisted and unassisted areas" since the regional development schemes, administered by the Department of Trade and Industry and the Scottish and Welsh Offices, were introduced in their present form two years ago.

It acknowledged that there were many complex factors affecting employment patterns. There was no firm evidence that regional industrial incentives had been ineffective in their aim of reducing regional imbalances in employment opportunities.

However, the report noted the results of surveys showing that only a third of companies which had received regional development grants said they had been a critical factor in their investment decisions. Just over a half regarded the earlier form of regional selective assistance as important or critical to their investment decisions.

For grants of less than £100,000, there was too little analysis by government departments into whether the projects would have gone ahead without assistance. There was also too little attention paid to whether, by giving grants for new projects, other jobs might be lost.

The Audit Office considered it "unlikely that offsetting job losses do not occur". It said there should be more effort to detect job losses if the grant system was to be fully cost effective.

The Government announced last January that the regional development grant is to be phased out from this month, to be replaced by new policies.

Arrangements for Regional Industrial Incentives (National Audit Office, Department of Trade and Industry, Scottish Office, Welsh Office, Stationery Office, £4.75).

Pirate radio charges

The Department of Trade and Industry was accused of gross negligence yesterday in taking more than four years to bring a case against seven people involved in the first full prosecution brought under the Maritime Broadcasting (Offences) Act 1967.

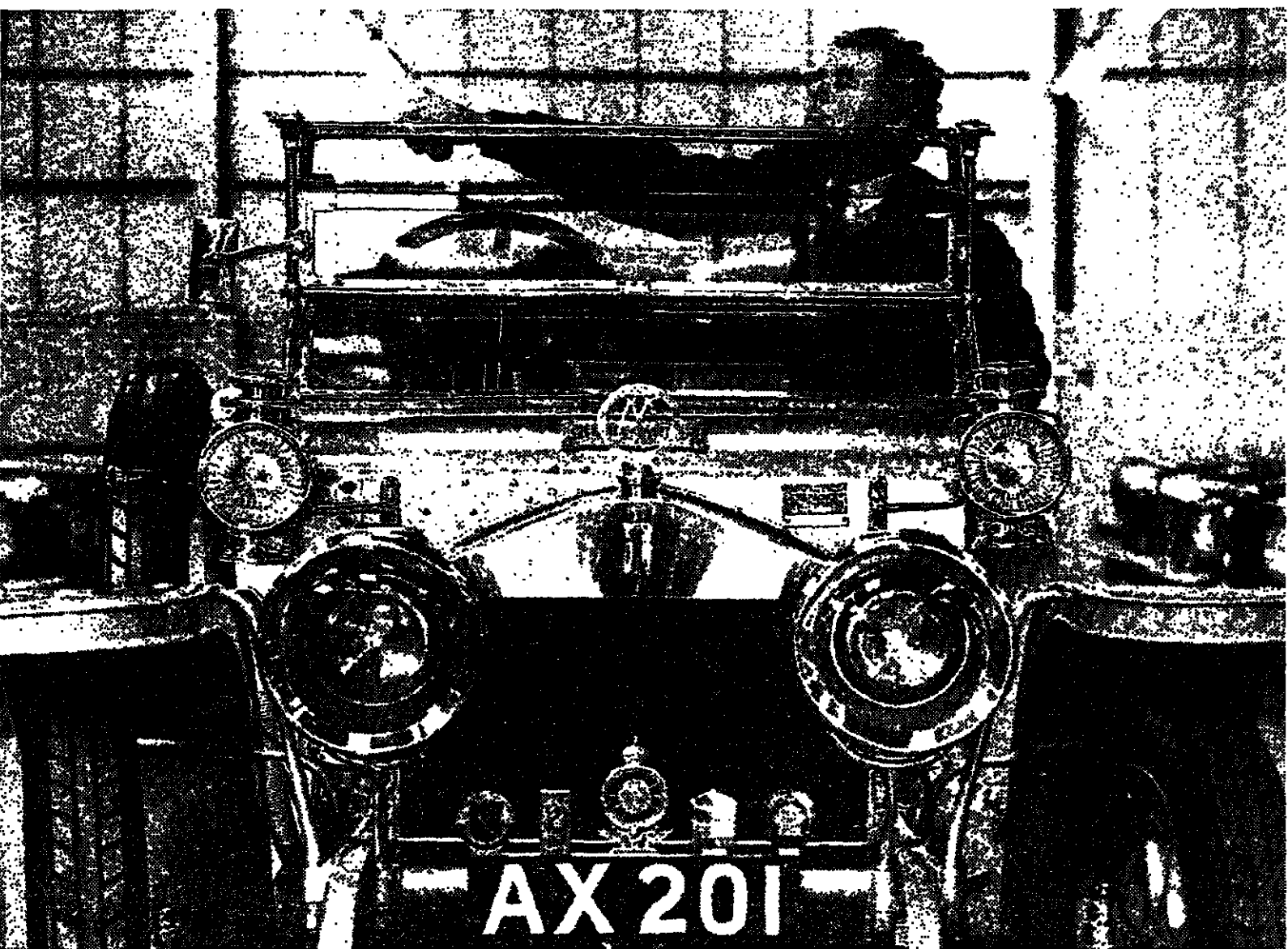
Mr Geoffrey Robertson, for Time Out Ltd, publisher of Time Out magazine, told the committal hearing at Sitting-

bourne, Kent, that some of the charges dated from 1984.

Time Out faces three charges of illegally publishing details of programmes on both Radio Caroline and Laser 558.

Seven other defendants are accused of a variety of offences, including providing supplies for the two ships anchored off the Kent coast and making programmes.

Silver Ghost heads Japanese sales drive



Mr Michael Cole, supervisor of Rolls-Royce Motors' bonded car warehouse, giving a final polish to a 1907 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost before it was flown to Tokyo to publicize the opening of the car company's first Japanese showroom.

The silver-plated car, worth at least £5 million, left Manchester airport yesterday and will have a starring role in a sales drive in Japan, where 82 Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars were sold last year, compared with 54 in 1986.

The car, which has covered more than 600,000 miles, will return to the company's base at Crewe, Cheshire, at about Easter.

The car is insured for £1 million, but Mr Bill Laws, the company's head of

public affairs, said: "Of course it isn't for sale, but my personal opinion is that its value is considerably in excess of the £5 million which was paid last year for a Bugatti Royale".

(Photograph: Barry Greenwood)

Pollution warning for Scottish salmon farmers

By Kerry Gill

The burgeoning Scottish salmon farming industry is in danger of becoming uncontrollable, according to a report issued yesterday by a leading conservation organization.

The Scottish Wildlife and Countryside Link, representing the main voluntary conservation groups in Scotland, said controls on fish farming were inadequate in spite of the big growth in the industry.

Mr Simon Pepper, of the World Wildlife Fund, who edited the 70-page report, said production of marine-farmed salmon in the past eight years

had risen from almost nothing to an estimated 22,000 tonnes this year. It is expected to reach 55,000 tonnes by 1991.

The report said more research was needed to assess the effects of fish farming and the resulting pollution of sea loch systems. Caution was called for in the expansion of the industry until the effects were identified and controlled. National planning guidelines must be introduced.

It called for a ban on fish farming on some sea lochs to protect wildlife. A government minister should be appointed to ensure a balance

between economic, social and environmental goals.

Salmon, which are themselves sensitive to pollution, pollute other species such as oysters and lobsters through unconsumed food and faeces and chemicals used in the farming process.

The report said controls should be enforced on the use of antibiotics, principally Nuvan, which is used widely in the treatment of salmon disease. The Scottish Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is researching the environmental effects of the chemical.

Mr Pepper said there was widespread evidence that birds and mammals were being killed by fish farmers to stop them attacking salmon stocks. Among the species shot were seals, cormorants, shags, herons and eider on shell-fish farms.

The organization has sent a copy of the report to Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland. Mr Pepper said it was not against marine salmon farming, but proper controls were long overdue.

The industry earned about £50 million last year and provided up to 1,500 direct

and indirect jobs. However, Mr Pepper said that while output rose by 400 per cent between 1984 and last year, jobs went up by only 56 per cent. Output rose by 86 per cent between 1985 and last year, but employment went up by just 11 per cent.

The report recommends that the Crown Estates Commission should compile a public register of seabed leases and all applications should be advertised to enable proper monitoring.

Marine Fishfarming in Scotland (Scottish Wildlife and Countryside Link, £4.50).

Tube fire victim 'had vague manner'

The one victim of the King's Cross fire still unidentified may be a man who persistently refused to leave the station as he tried to get past a policeman directing people away from the escalators, the disaster inquiry was told yesterday.

Police Constable Patrick Balfie, of the transport police, said the man was just one of an unremitting stream of people coming through the ticket hall where 31 were to die.

PC Balfie said he had seen the photographic impression of the man's face, published days before the inquiry began after all other efforts to identify him had failed. Together with the description, it reminded him of a "vagrant type" whom he had turned away repeatedly.

The man, who had a London accent, had said he had to get to Highbury and Islington Tube station.

"I said, 'The escalator is closed, it's on fire'. He said, 'Well, how am I going to get to Highbury and Islington?' I said, 'I suggest you catch a bus'.

"He then turned away, but as I was engaged in directing other people away, he attempted to squeeze past me when my back was turned.

"I again told him to get away from the escalator and pointed him in the direction of the station exit. He seemed slightly vague in his manner."

PC Balfie said the man was one of the many passengers who continued to file up and down the Victoria Line escalators as smoke belched across from the Piccadilly Line escalators.

The hearing continues.

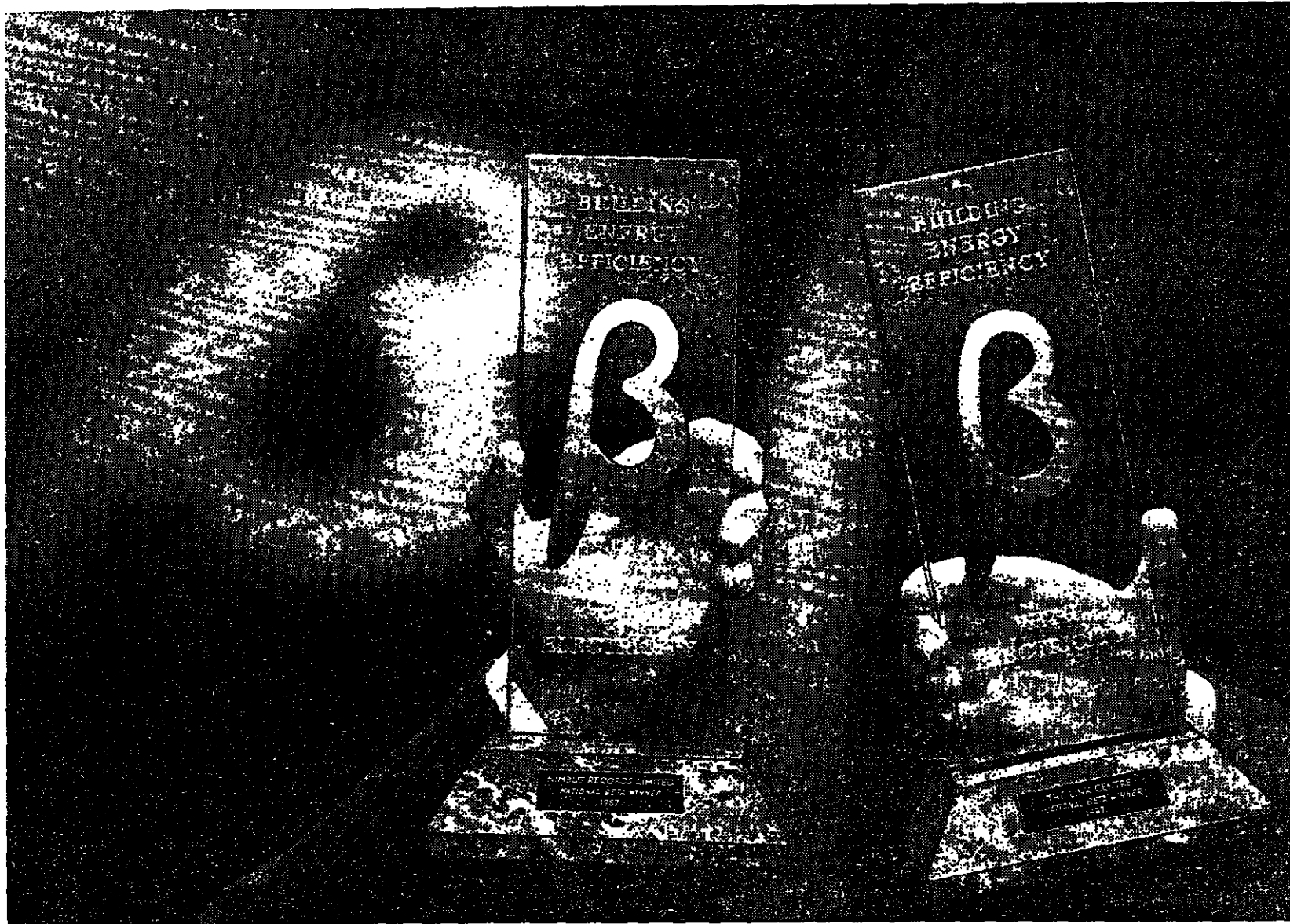
Railway drive

British Rail is to spend £12,500 on publicizing the scenic Leeds-Settle-Carlisle line and the Pennine route from Leeds to Morecambe, even though it wants to close the 72-mile stretch from Settle to Carlisle.

Frog hotline

Wildlife enthusiasts are trying to even out distribution of the dwindling frog population in Gwent, South Wales. People with many frogs in their gardens can telephone a hotline to have the frogs removed to areas where they are scarce.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Clashes as Poles remember 1968

Warsaw — Polish students battled with police in the southern city of Cracow yesterday as students throughout the country commemorated the 1968 riots which were crushed by the authorities and used as a pretext for an anti-Semitic purge of party officials (Richard Bassett writes).

More than 100 students were reported to have been detained and several injured. Disturbances were reported in Lublin and Wrocław. The Cracow clashes were sparked off when police baton-charged a few hundred students who had attempted to rally round a statue of the 19th-century poet here, Adam Mickiewicz.

Kremlin cuts profit shun talks

Moscow — Only days after publication of a draft law encouraging establishment of co-operatives run on private enterprise lines, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev has introduced tax reforms cutting back their excessive profits (Christopher Walker writes).

Pravda quoted the Kremlin leader as criticizing some co-operatives in remarks to workers and managers at a Moscow factory.

Some 9,000 co-operatives, employing about 90,000 people, operate in the Soviet Union, and are at present subject to a flat 3 per cent tax on their profits.

Kidnap court cleared

Bonn — Evidence was heard in secret yesterday after Mr Rashid Mahmood, aged 44, a Lebanese-German businessman, told a Düsseldorf court that he and his family would be in danger if he spoke in public about his contacts in Beirut with the kidnappers of two Germans (John England writes).

The court is trying Abbas Hamadei, aged 29, on charges of kidnapping, in January 1987, Dr Rudolf Cordes, aged 54, who is still being held, and Herr Alfred Schmidt, aged 48, who was released in September.

Corsican killing Protest by Yugoslavs

Paris — Less than 24 hours after Corsican separatists warned of "intensified" action against the French authorities, a gendarme was killed yesterday near Bastia, the island's capital, in what was described as a carefully planned machine-gun attack by a two or three-man squad of the Corsican National Liberation Front (Philip Jacobson writes).

Military helicopters were called in to help search for the attackers, who also lobbed a hand-grenade into the police post, but they made their escape into the wild countryside.

More than 200 people protested in the northern Yugoslav city of Ljubljana yesterday at the trial of a journalist who criticized the Army (Our Foreign Staff writes).

Journalists, students and intellectuals gathered outside the district court to show their support for Mr Franci Zavrl, charged with slandering the Yugoslav Army in an article attacking arms sales to Ethiopia.

Belgrade has announced military cuts which should reduce the armed forces by 12 per cent and army expenditure by 10 per cent over the next five years.

Court told how the army hid identity of Aquino assassin

Manila (Reuters) — A former army officer who investigated the assassination in 1983 of Benigno Aquino said yesterday that his team was ordered to falsify its findings.

In the first direct testimony of a military cover-up after the murder, Mr Pedro Aquino told a Manila court trying 37 men with the murder that he suppressed an apparent confession by a soldier that he had shot the opposition leader, and said that affidavits of other witnesses were changed in the presence of high-ranking Philippine Army officers.

Mr Pedro Aquino, a retired second lieutenant in a military investigating unit and no relation to the murdered politician, said that senior officers had made clear the inquiry should say that an alleged communist gunman, Rolando Galman, was the assassin.

The chief prosecutor, Mr Raul Gonzales, said the order was "part of a total cover-up" to hide the military's role in the killing of the chief rival of the then President Marcos.

Galman was killed by soldiers immediately after Benigno Aquino was shot on his return from exile in the United States.

Mr Aquino told the trial: "Our instruction was to make it appear that the assassin is supposed to be the dead person lying there (Galman) ... that we should help the soldiers who are being investigated."

Mr Ferdinand Marcos said at the time that Galman was the assassin. But widespread belief that the murder was a military conspiracy sparked national unrest that led to his overthrow in 1986 and the rise of Mrs Corason Aquino, Benigno Aquino's widow.

The witness identified Constable Rogelio Moreno as the soldier who made what the prosecution called a "clear admission" that he had been the assassin. Mr Aquino said that he had asked the constable "bluntly" if he was the one who shot the opposition leader. He said Constable Moreno replied: "I could not do anything, sir, I just followed orders."

"He looked sorrowful ... I told him 'It's enough that you told me the truth,'" Mr Aquino said.

Mr Aquino said the orders for a cover-up had come from the squad leader, Captain Ruben Zaccarias, who had suggested that they emanated from higher up the chain of command.

Thirty-four soldiers and three civilians, including a former Marcos minister, are on trial. A Marcos-appointed court in 1985 acquitted 26

defendants, but the Supreme Court ordered a new hearing, saying that Mr Marcos had rigged the acquittals.

In the retrial, successive witnesses have suggested that Aquino was shot in the head by a soldier following him down the steps as he left the aircraft.

● LONDON: A cycle of killings and reprisals, carried out on one hand by regular military forces and community-based "vigilantes" and on the other by the guerrillas of the New People's Army, are becoming an increasingly serious human rights problem in the Philippines (Caroline Moorehead writes).

In the past year 17 villagers, including six children, have been rounded up and shot dead by regular troops in apparent reprisal after soldiers were ambushed in Lupao, in Nueva Ecija province.

The Aquino Government has responded promptly to many of the killings. Task forces have been set up to conduct official inquiries. Less well known cases have been referred to the Commission on Human Rights, set up by the President in March 1986.

But Amnesty International in a report published today, *Philippines: Unlawful Killings By Military and Paramilitary Forces*, knows of no military or police officer having been convicted for any political killing since the Aquino Government came to power.

300 police hurt in Tibet riot

Peking (Reuters) — An official Chinese report revealed yesterday that 300 members of the police and security forces were injured in the latest anti-Chinese riots in Lhasa.

The authorities also said that Tibetan monks had served poisoned tea to officials at a monastery in Lhasa on the morning of the riots.

"Several monks sneaked into the main office of the monastery and put poison in tea served to officials and reporters covering the festival," the China News Service said in a report on Saturday's violence, which erupted on the final day of Tibet's biggest

annual Buddhist festival.

As a result of the poisoning, scores of people had to receive hospital treatment, the report said. The official death toll listed one policeman who was hurt from a high window. But foreigners returning to Peking said they were told that up to nine people were killed, some of them shot by plain-clothes police.

At least six people were killed in pro-independence rioting in Lhasa last October.

The China News Service revealed that more than 300 security officials and police officers were injured in the

latest violence and 30 were still in hospital. Earlier reports mentioned 28 injured.

Unlike previous official accounts, the agency described vividly how monks attacked police, officials and reporters on the last day of the festival.

Telephone lines to Lhasa were restored yesterday and a western manager at the Lhasa Hotel said he and other staff were confined to their premises for their own safety.

The Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of the Tibetans, yesterday issued an appeal from Delhi for his people to refrain from violence.

The presidential race

Hollywood reluctant to cast the next White House star

From Charles Bremner
Los Angeles

Eight years since a former actor proved Hollywood's political might, the elite of the US film business are searching ever more desperately for a new leading man.

The stars and big producers — Democrats, for the most part — are wielding power and shaping attitudes more than ever as politics move even closer to entertainment. Their money and, more important, their influence is ready for the taking, but they cannot find the talent.

For the moment, some of the stars have been spreading around their \$1,000 (£550) maximum individual contributions — for example, Mr Frank Sinatra gave to Vice-President George Bush — but they have been holding back the endorsements.

"It's beginning to wear badly in the town. Nobody's thrilled and nobody's thrilling," says a senior studio executive, tired of the endless visits by Democratic contenders searching for funds and Hollywood support.

Tinseltown's moguls have long tried to shape politics, both with films and endorsements. Sam Goldwyn fought the trend, saying once: "Messages are for Western Union."

Hollywood gave Senator John Kennedy a powerful helping hand, but its influence is immeasurably greater in 1988. When so much of America takes its values and symbols from its screen heroes, an endorsement from a Redford or Eastwood, a Streisand or a Taylor, is worth far more than gold.

With new laws setting limits to contributions in each state, candidates who put celebrities to work for them gain free television exposure.

Despite the Republican sentiments of 1980s America, Hollywood showed its political power last year with a media attack on the appointment of Mr Robert Bork, the conservative judge, to the Supreme Court.

Organized by Mr Norman Lear, one of the biggest television moguls, the campaign demolished support for the judge by having actors such as Gregory Peck brand him a dangerous reactionary.

Charlton Heston and Clint Eastwood, two of the rare Hollywood Republicans, were



Senator Gore: Like other Democratic contenders, has failed to win film world's support. (Photograph: Graham Wood)

waiting to counter-attack, but never got the green light from the White House. With Mr Gary Hart's fall last May, the mood of the Democrat stars swung towards Mr Mario Cuomo, the Governor of New York. But despite blandishments and promises of big cheques, he refused to stand for the White House.

Messrs Gephardt, Dukakis and Gore, with their top campaign men, have been dropping in to the homes of the power-brokers of West Los Angeles — but have so far failed to convince.

Given the right man, the thinking goes, the plot is ripe

The films of the past year or so — *Platoon*, for example — are beginning to reflect the swing back to liberal themes, but the producers say they have not yet identified the next national mood after the Reagan era.

Though far smaller, the Republican minority of Hollywood has begun to flex its muscles. Heston, Eastwood, Arnold Schwarzenegger and a number of producers are waiting to throw their weight behind the party's choice of candidate.

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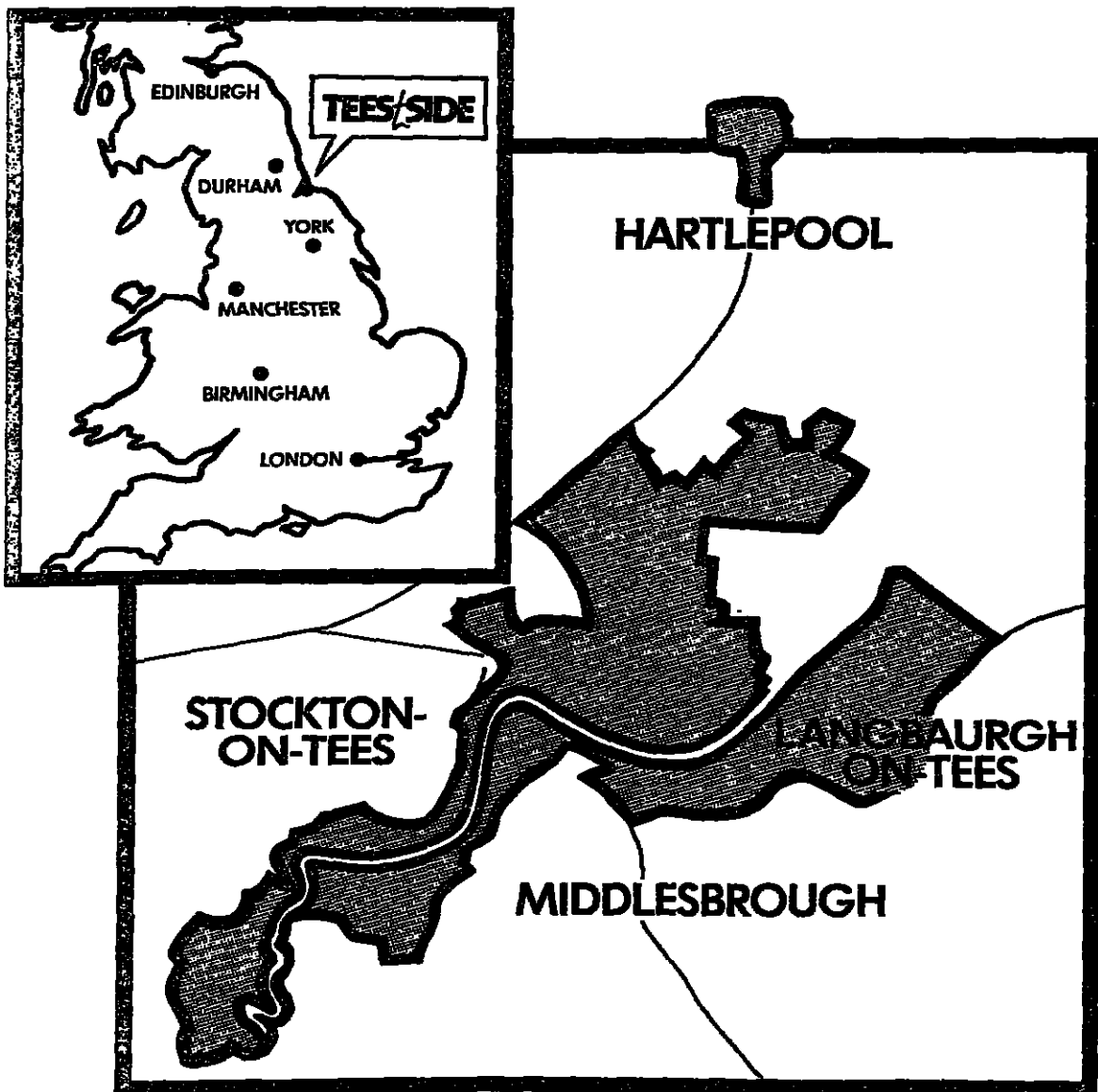
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US peace plan crippled by blows from both camps

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

An unlikely combination of Syria, the PLO and Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, has dealt devastating blows to the fragile American Middle East peace initiative before it can hope to get started.

In Damascus yesterday President Assad told a cheering crowd of 25,000 that he rejected peace with Israel. He warned those "who might be tempted to join in current peace initiatives" not to "rush into settlements that may turn into traps for us".

The Palestine Liberation Organization, in admitting responsibility for Monday's bus hijacking in which three Israeli civilians were killed, has destroyed the cautious efforts of Mr George Shultz, US Secretary of State, to bring them into the negotiations.

In any event Mr Khalil al-Wazir, the PLO's deputy military chief, said during a visit to Amman yesterday that the organization rejected the initiative. The same message was delivered in Ankara by Mr Farouk Khaddoumi, the PLO's foreign minister.

At the same time Mr Shamir, by stalling for time over a government decision on the initiative, has made it

almost impossible for its timetable to start as planned in the middle of next month.

Even if the remaining Arab states accept the plan, the chances of Palestinians and Israelis being available to join in negotiations next month are increasingly remote.

Mr David Levy, the Likud Deputy Prime Minister, said here yesterday that Mr Shamir should tell the United States frankly that Israel could not decide about the initiative until after its general election, which cannot be held until midsummer at the earliest.

Mr Shamir has been drawing up amendments to the American plan which he needs to put today to the inner Cabinet, seeking approval for taking them on his trip to Washington next week.

Accepted or not, he still has no intention of giving a clear answer to Mr Shultz until after his return. Even then he is likely to delay a decision rather than force a vote in the Cabinet which could bring down the Government before he is ready to hold elections.

On its side, the PLO has shown its intransigence by sponsoring bus hijacking. "This is the murderous PLO terrorism exposed in all its

criminal aspects," Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, told the Knesset. "This is the enemy that we are facing."

As the country mourned the three victims — all parents of young children — there were no more of the recent calls from the left for Israel to negotiate with the PLO. Palestinians in the occupied territories may look to the PLO to negotiate for it, but the bus hijacking has made the organization unacceptable partners to Israelis.

Some moderate Palestinians, like Dr Sari Nassabeh of Bir Zeit University, believe the hijacking has undermined the "purity" of the uprising in the territories. He said yesterday that the sacrifices of the people in taking on armed Israelis with stones were being made worthless by the bloody hostage-taking.

In the territories, however, the hijacking is seen as a victory "just like the hang-glider attack," according to one Palestinian activist.

He said: "The three guerrillas captured an army car and then attacked a bus of workers from the top-secret nuclear plant. They killed an engineer involved in secret military work, and the two women who

died were almost certainly shot by the Israeli police who stormed the bus."

"This was a military action and has given a tremendous morale boost to the people. It has shown the Israelis that only the PLO is our leader."

The Israeli Army has acknowledged mistakes were made. The four officers — a major and three lieutenants — whose car was taken were sentenced yesterday to 35 days in prison for having failed to carry their weapons. Though not a normal requirement in that area, the four were under standing orders from their staff college never to travel without their guns.

Lieutenant-General Don Shomron, the Chief of Staff, said that if the officers had had their weapons the whole story would have been different.

The Army is also trying to find out how the Palestinians were able to drive through a roadblock set up to catch them, and why the police at that point failed to shoot.

The most important question, and the most politically difficult, is how it was that the Palestinians were able to cross the border from Egypt. It is the third such infiltration from Egypt this year across what is meant to be a peaceful border.

Panic in Panama as banks run dry



A policeman pushing his way through a crowd of angry pensioners in Panama City yesterday as they tried to cash benefit cheques. In a bid to end growing tension and discontent caused by the worsening cash crisis, the Government said it would make every effort to ensure that at least some of the cheques were honoured. Thousands of pensioners took to the streets, throwing stones and putting up

barricades as General Manuel Noriega, Panama's controversial strongman, found himself increasingly politically isolated and without enough money to keep the banks functioning. The main opposition parties announced that they are to join the deposed President Delvalle in a "government of national reconciliation" in place of the regime dominated by General Noriega. The object of the coalition,

which brings together groups of conflicting ideological hues, is to guarantee "the fundamental conditions for an authentic democracy". The group said it would also "seek an understanding with the defence forces to define their legitimate function as a professional institution". President Delvalle, in hiding since being deposed last month, has no effective control over any part of Panama.

Armenians honour victims of violence

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Aggrieved Soviet Armenians took to the streets of their troubled capital of Yerevan again yesterday when several thousand people, including many women in black, took part in a funeral march and rally for victims of the recent nationalist violence.

According to local residents contacted by telephone, the protesters laid flowers at the "genocide victims"

● Those killed in Sumgait are martyrs to the Armenian cause ●

memorial, a hilltop monument to Armenians killed in the 1915 massacre by Turks, and then they marched to Opera Square, the scene of earlier mass demonstrations, where they listened to speeches.

The emotional protest, along with rumours that local activists were trying to follow it with a general strike throughout the republic, were seen as imposing new pressure on the Kremlin, which has been given a breathing

space by Armenian community leaders until the end of March, to try and resolve the problem of territory disputed with neighbouring Azerbaijan.

The march was timed to coincide with International Women's Day, a national holiday in the Soviet Union. One well-known Armenian actor, Sos Sargsyan, was quoted as telling the crowds: "The dead of Sumgait are martyrs to the Armenian cause."

Although the authorities claim that 31 people of "various nationalities" died in the Azerbaijani city of Sumgait in severe rioting on February 28, dissident sources in Moscow claim that the majority were Christian Armenians and that the total death toll in the trouble has been much higher.

Mr Valery Senderov, chairman of the Moscow branch of the Frankfurt-based International Society for Human Rights, quoted Armenian sources as putting the number of dead in three Azerbaijani towns of Sumgait, Kirovabad and Shamkhor at 180, with many more injured.

Because of the strict news blackout imposed by the Kremlin, there was no

way for reporters or diplomats in Moscow to check the accuracy of these estimates. Although earlier estimates from dissidents have proved accurate, it is known that both the Armenian and Azerbaijani communities are riven with wildly exaggerated (but believed) accounts of the extent of the atrocities.

Yesterday the Soviet authorities refused travel documents to two Western diplomats who had earlier received permission to travel to both

● Communist journalists have attacked news blackout of the unrest ●

republics to fulfil consular duties. A representative for a leading British tour company also said that a scheduled tour to the area at the weekend had not gone ahead. "I presume that is because of the trouble," she said.

Mr Senderov said that yesterday's action in Yerevan was organized by the newly-formed "Karabakh Committee", named after the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, which

was transferred from Armenia to predominantly Muslim Azerbaijan 65 years ago and which lies at the heart of the present bitter dispute.

He said that the Central Committee of the Communist Party in Moscow had been sent a telegram informing them of the funeral march and of a proposal now under discussion to stage a three-day general strike from Thursday in the republic, the smallest in the Soviet Union.

The lack of glasnost being demonstrated by the Soviet authorities about the ethnic crisis in the two southern republics, which has already been condemned by foreign Communist reporters based in Moscow (who are barred from the area like everyone else from the press), was roundly attacked yesterday by the weekly Moscow News.

The reformist paper said that from the outset of the disturbances last month the news provided was characterized by its "belatedness and paucity", adding that much of the trouble — including the new refugee problem — had been provoked by the spread of unsubstantiated rumours.

Kremlin urges UN action to halt missile war of cities

From Our Own Correspondent, New York

The Soviet Union called yesterday for an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council to take action on the Tehran-Baghdad missile war, but the Russians still appeared no closer to backing an arms ban on Iran.

Mr Aleksandr Belonogov, the Soviet Ambassador, cited the "further acute escalation of the conflict" in his request for the special session. "I think that the war between the cities adds a new dimension to the protracted military conflict," he said in a late-night press conference on Monday.

Mr Belonogov denied that Soviet missiles were being used by both sides in the attacks, though Western experts say this is the case.

The ambassador appealed to Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar and the Yugoslav

president of the council for further efforts to "persuade" Iran and Iraq to cease fire.

So far Moscow has blocked attempts by the United States, Britain and France to impose an arms embargo on Iran as a way of enforcing the council's ceasefire order from last July.

Iran won a little more time last week with an unsigned government note which claimed that it had accepted the ceasefire terms. However, diplomats said they gave little credence to the message, which followed months of manoeuvring by Iran aimed at ignoring the order while stopping short of rejecting it.

"It's nothing but an undated, unsigned piece of paper," said Sir Crispin Tickell, Britain's ambassador. "Where does that leave us? It doesn't constitute a clear

acceptance." The US has also rejected the message.

● NICOSIA: Overnight attacks shook the darkened capitals of Iran and Iraq, killing or wounding people in their homes as the two sides pursued their relentless missile duels yesterday (Reuters reports).

Three minutes after midnight, an Iranian missile struck a residential area in Baghdad — inhabited by four million people — destroying houses and shops, wrecking cars in the streets, and killing or wounding several people, Iraq's radio said.

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Afghan resistance splits over role of Islamic extremists

From Edward Gorman, Peshawar

The seven-part Mujahidin alliance was in chaos last night after Professor Sibghatullah Mujadidi, leader of the moderate Afghan National Liberation Front, announced that he had withdrawn from both the alliance and the Mujahidin-sponsored government.

At his home here yesterday, Professor Mujadidi accused the four so-called fundamentalist factions of the resistance of trying to dominate any future government in Afghanistan at the expense of the three moderate groups and of agreeing on an interim government without consulting the people of Afghanistan.

He warned the fundamentalist leaders that there would be civil war in Afghanistan if they continued to force their way into positions of power. "If there is any government inside Afghanistan without the agreement of the majority of the people of Afghanistan, there will be bloodshed."

Professor Mujadidi's withdrawal could not have come at a worse time for the resistance, which only last week — under acute pressure from Pakistan — agreed the basis of an interim government during a phased withdrawal of Soviet troops.

Pakistan has made clear that it will not sign the Geneva accord without an interim government in place, and observers here believe that the break-up of the alliance will seriously weaken Pakistan's hand as the negotiations in Geneva continue.

As one observer put it:

"Pakistan is going to have to drop the interim government, because it simply isn't there any more." Professor Mujadidi himself described the hard-won interim government as finished.

There is speculation that with Professor Mujadidi out, the two other moderate groups, Harakat-i Inqilab and Mahaz-i Milli, will also withdraw, leaving any pretence of unity in tatters. One unconfirmed report claims that Maulavi Mohammad Nabi Mohammadi, leader of Harakat, has already decided to withdraw. Professor Mujadidi said he was confident the two leaders would join him.

He described a state of virtual anarchy prevailing during recent meetings of the leadership, and said that on every issue there had been violent disagreement. But with decisions carried on a one-man, one-vote basis, the four fundamentalist leaders had outnumbered the three moderates every time. "There are very many differences between the fundamentalists," he said. "They would kill each other if they had to — but against us moderates they are united."

The key to the disagreements is the moderates' belief that any future government should include a broad spectrum of political views, including a possible caretaker role for the former King Zahir Shah, for whom Professor Mujadidi, Maulavi Mohammad and Pir Ahmad Gailani, leader of the Mahaz faction, have all declared support.

The moderates argue that the seven leaders of the Mujahidin are not representative of large sections of the population — the Shia Muslim minorities, for instance — and that only through traditional *Loya Jirgas*, or assemblies, can democratic decisions be made.

The election last week as president of the interim government of the virtually unknown engineer, Mr Ahmed Shah, who is generally seen as the fundamentalists' man, was the last straw, Professor Mujadidi said.

Underlying the moderates' views is an open contempt for what they see as the hardline Islamic government which the fundamentalists would impose on Afghanistan after a Soviet withdrawal. Professor Mujadidi said he could see no difference between the kind of government envisaged by what he described as the "fanatics and extremists" and the current Soviet-backed regime in Kabul.

He claimed that the fundamentalists were responsible for the assassination in Peshawar last month of Professor Burhanuddin Majrooh, the prominent moderate Afghan intellectual who was a leading supporter of the king, and that they had been involved in the murder of Western journalists trying to cover the war in Afghanistan.

He added: "They have been trying to assassinate me for a long time, but I am not afraid, and I will not be afraid when it happens."

Black women protest against Botha's curbs



Members of the anti-apartheid Federation of Transvaal Women protesting outside the South African Chamber of Mines in Johannesburg yesterday. They accused the employers of remaining silent over 'the brutal repression we face'.

Mine owners condemned for 'silence'

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

About 100 black women courted arrest by staging a peaceful but illegal demonstration outside the Chamber of Mines in central Johannesburg yesterday to protest against last month's restrictions on 18 black extra-parliamentary and trade union organisations.

They carried banners with such slogans as "Unban Democracy", "Ban Mine Profits" and "Your Silence is Consent". The women dispersed as the police arrived, but several members of foreign television crews, from the American CBS network and Worldwide Television News, were briefly detained and had film confiscated.

Later a group of about 30 of the women visited the nearby offices of the British Consulate where the Consul-General, Mr John Massingham, received a delegation of four. "They asked for Britain to break off diplomatic relations with Pretoria and to impose

sanctions. I explained Mrs Thatcher's well-known views on those subjects," he said.

Most of the protesters belonged to the Federation of Transvaal Women, an affiliate of the United Democratic Front, one of the organisations effectively banned last month.

The Chamber of Mines, which represents the mine employers, refused the women entry but they pushed a memorandum through a door.

By keeping silent, the Chamber of Mines was consenting

"to the death of any voice of peace and democracy" and "to having hundreds of men, women and children rot in jails under the state of emergency regulations".

The South African Council of Churches and the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference called yesterday on South Africans of all religions to attend church services on Sunday to remember detainees and "the victims of oppression and repression".

Portugal plans farm revolution

By Richard Wigg

The "Flower of the Alentejo" collective farm, formed from landowners' neglected estates after Portugal's 1974 revolution, is sure to disappear if the Lisbon Parliament approves legislation proposed by the centre-right Government of Senhor Anibal Cavaco Silva to roll back the communist collective farms and modernize agriculture.

His Social Democrat Government has an absolute majority, and the communists' only remaining hope of saving something of the remnants of their farms would be for the legal adviser to the President, Senhor Mario Soares, to tell him the proposals are illegal.

No issue arising out of the armed forces' revolution which toppled a 50-year-old authoritarian regime generates more emotion in Portugal than the agrarian reform designed to end the big estates of the backward Alentejo.

With few exceptions, the collective farms have failed in the south because of the technical inadequacy of new farm managers and the neglect of successive governments. Agricultural workers' wages have fallen to levels below those of 1973.

The "Flower of the Alentejo" looks a sorry sight. It comprised more than 16,000 acres when it was created by amalgamating neighbouring estates and giving work to 400 people, but was obliged to sell its 130 dairy cows five years ago and is now reduced to 7,000 acres and 140 members.

Government must create conditions for efficient individual farmers or genuine co-operatives within the framework of Portugal's membership of the EEC.

"We have got to improve the existing structure, not create a new one," he said.

Lisbon (Reuters) — Metro and ferry workers held a one-day strike yesterday to press demands for higher wages, continuing strikes which have disrupted traffic in the Portuguese capital weekly since January. The state electricity authority appealed to people not to use electricity today because of a 24-hour strike.

between 50 and 60 of whom can work only half the year.

Senhor Florindo Cana, the 57-year-old treasurer of the farm, said: "I am more against the Government than the former landowners. They should leave the workers on their co-operatives now, so that they can produce what Portugal needs but does not produce. I can see that, and I had only four years of elementary schooling. I don't understand why those clever agricultural engineers don't see it too."

Dr Arlindo Marques Cunha, the State Secretary for Agriculture, who is responsible for the modernization programme and for winding up the former collective farms, emphasized that the

small farmers and all kinds of co-operatives. A points system for maximum permitted landholding before expropriation under the new proposals has been increased, and each family member will now be able to claim his own allotment.

This, the so-called "reserve" limited under the Socialists' 1977 land reform law to one member for each estate, is the basis for the communists' claim that the new proposals will simply allow the big family estates to be reconstituted.

Modernization proposals include a move to enable groups of smallholdings, with local authority help, to set up land banks. Inducements for elderly farmers to retire should help government programmes for the promotion of young tenant farmers.

The 1975 collectivization drive, aimed at fighting past injustices in the Alentejo, created new ones through mass expropriation.

The new government proposals envisage paying compensation, estimated at between £160 million and £200 million to former owners. British interests in farms hit by the revolution amount to £1.3 million.

Frederikshavn — Danish police arrested two Czechoslovak businessmen on spying charges for having taken photographs of West German warships off Jutland, Radio Denmark reported.

Succo move

Paris (AP) — France has asked Italy to extradite Roberto Succo, wanted by the French police for six murders and by officials in Italy and Switzerland for other crimes.

Arms raids

Bonn — West German police claimed to have smashed an important arms-dealing ring after dawn raids and several arrests in four states.

Disease area

Khartoum (Reuters) — Sudan declared its capital, Khartoum, an epidemic area, saying 600 people had contracted meningitis and 20 had died.

Same name

Kuala Lumpur (AP) — The Malaysian national registration department is standardizing the spelling of the country's most popular male name as "Muhammad" for future births, rejecting common variants such as Mohamad, Muhamad and Mohamad.

UN mediator sees progress towards peace in Geneva

From Michael Hamlyn, Geneva

There has been progress on substantive issues at the Afghanistan peace talks in Geneva, according to Señor Diego Cordovez, the United Nations mediator.

After seeing the Pakistan delegation for two hours of talks yesterday, Señor Cordovez said that the progress was on "drafting, working" subjects, but that a significant meeting outside the United Nations Palais des Nations had taken place on Monday. "Here a lot of work is being done, but there is much more going on," he said.

Speculation that the Pakistani delegation, led by Mr Zain Noorani, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, had called on Mr Nikolai Kozarev, the Soviet Ambassador-at-large who has responsibility for "special projects", could not be confirmed last night.

But it is known that the Pakistanis are anxious to press the Russians on the importance of leaving behind a government acceptable to the Afghan people as a whole, including the refugees, three million of whom at present live in Pakistan.

With the presence of Mr Robert Peck, Assistant Secretary of State, the delegation from the United States — with the Soviet Union the joint so-called "designated guarantor" of the Geneva accord now being painfully concluded here — is also at a far higher level than usual.

The delegation was given even more substance with the arrival this week of Mr Vernon Walters, the US ambassador to the United Nations, who was in Geneva to address the Commission on Human Rights which is now in session. He spoke yesterday on human rights in Cuba.

As Señor Cordovez arrived for yesterday's Afghanistan talks, he said that "this week you should do your sightseeing", indicating that not much news would emerge from the discussions taking place each morning, with the Pakistanis in one room, the Afghans in another, and Señor Cordovez running between the two.

According to the Ecuadorian mediator, who is the UN Under-Secretary in charge of political affairs (and who also deals with the Gulf War

negotiations and the disputes between the two Koreas), making the agreement "does not consist of breakthroughs; it consists of very delicate, sensitive technicalities".

The Geneva accord comprises four legal documents, called instruments, which will have the force of treaties between the signatories.

The first three deal with non-interference and non-intervention in Afghanistan's internal affairs, with the return of the refugees, and with the international guarantees by the superpowers.

The last instrument deals with the relationship between the other three and lays down in particular the nine-month time limit for the withdrawal of Soviet troops that was agreed last week.

Señor Cordovez this week also met the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to discuss the reports of the three-man team of officials who have been in Afghanistan to look at the grounds for creation of an infra-structure to receive the refugees from both Pakistan and Iran (where there are another two million) after they return.

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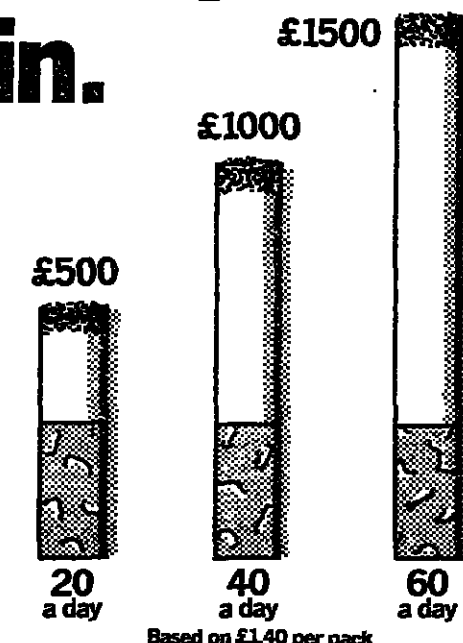
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UK's plea to deny Wright his profits

From Our Correspondent, Sydney

Mr Peter Wright, the former MIS officer who stands to become a millionaire on the proceeds of his book *Spycatcher*, should not be allowed to profit from his disclosures, the High Court of Australia was told yesterday.

Mr Theo Simos, QC, for the British Government, said Mr Wright had breached the confidence of the British intelligence organization. "Trust, faith and confidence were placed by the Crown in Mr Wright. There is no greater trust than to make him privy to British security information. Men such as Mr Wright had been trusted to take secrets to the grave."

Mr Wright, who is 72, was too ill to attend yesterday's hearing in Canberra of the British Government's final appeal against a ruling last September by the Supreme Court of New South Wales to lift the temporary ban on the sale of *Spycatcher* in Australia. He remained at his home in Tasmania.

Seven judges, one a woman, are hearing legal submissions to decide whether to reimpose the ban on further publication of the book which has already sold 200,000 copies in Australia and whether to deny profits to the author.

At the start of yesterday's sitting in the highest court in Australia Mr Simos sought an adjournment until after a decision in June by the House of Lords in another *Spycatcher* appeal. This possible further delay infuriated Mr Wright's lawyer, Mr Malcolm Turnbull, who also represents the book's publishers, Heinemann Australia.

"This case has been before Australian courts for over 2½ years," he said. "Litigants are

entitled to have their matters dealt with speedily. Mr Wright is an old man. The assistance of the House of Lords is so slight it would not justify further delay."

Mr Turnbull warned the judges of the "grave consequences which would flow if Australia follows the law of another country... We would be abdicating rules about free speech. Mr Wright is now an Australian citizen. Heinemann is an Australian company."

The Chief Justice, Sir Anthony Mason, however, declared that the principles to be applied are of Australian law. "Under no circumstances would this court abdicate its function until the House of Lords reaches its decision."

Mr Turnbull added: "When you get the decision of the House of Lords you will note no evidence has been called by Mr Wright. Whereas you have before you all of his evidence to the Australian courts."

After a 10-minute adjournment, the judges announced that the hearing could continue.

Mr Simos then launched into a detailed legal argument about the British Government's principle that Mr Wright must not be allowed to take advantage of his position as a former MIS officer for financial gain. He was bound to secrecy as a result of his service to the Crown.

Mr Simos was asked by Mr Justice Deane: "What if Mr Wright was going to work in London one morning? Is there an obligation to conceal where he is going? Has he to tell his wife a lie?"

Mr Simos: "I suppose so." Mr Justice Deane: "It's a very strange situation."

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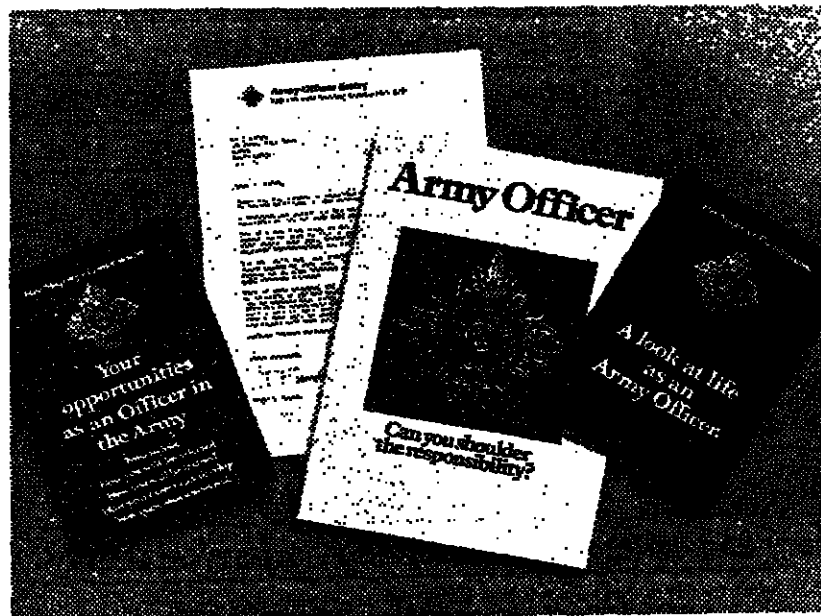
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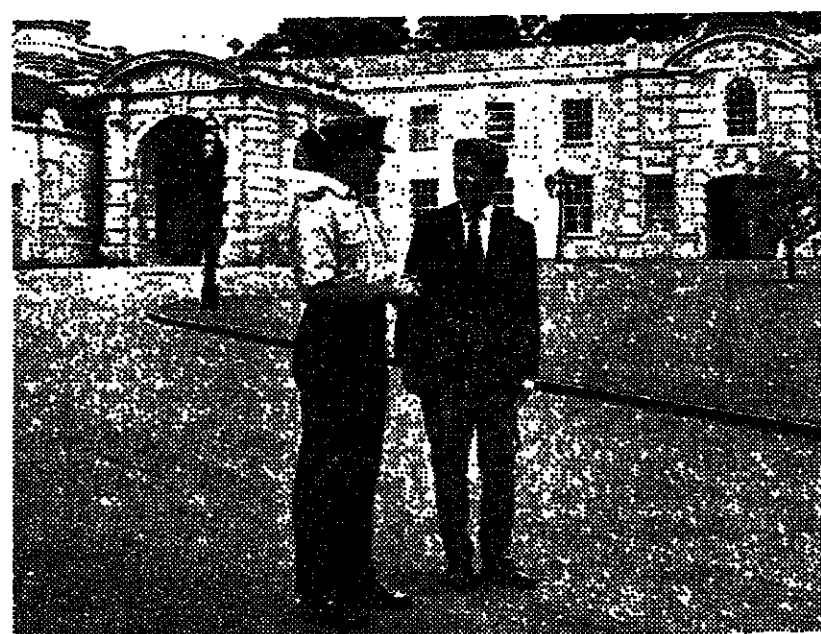
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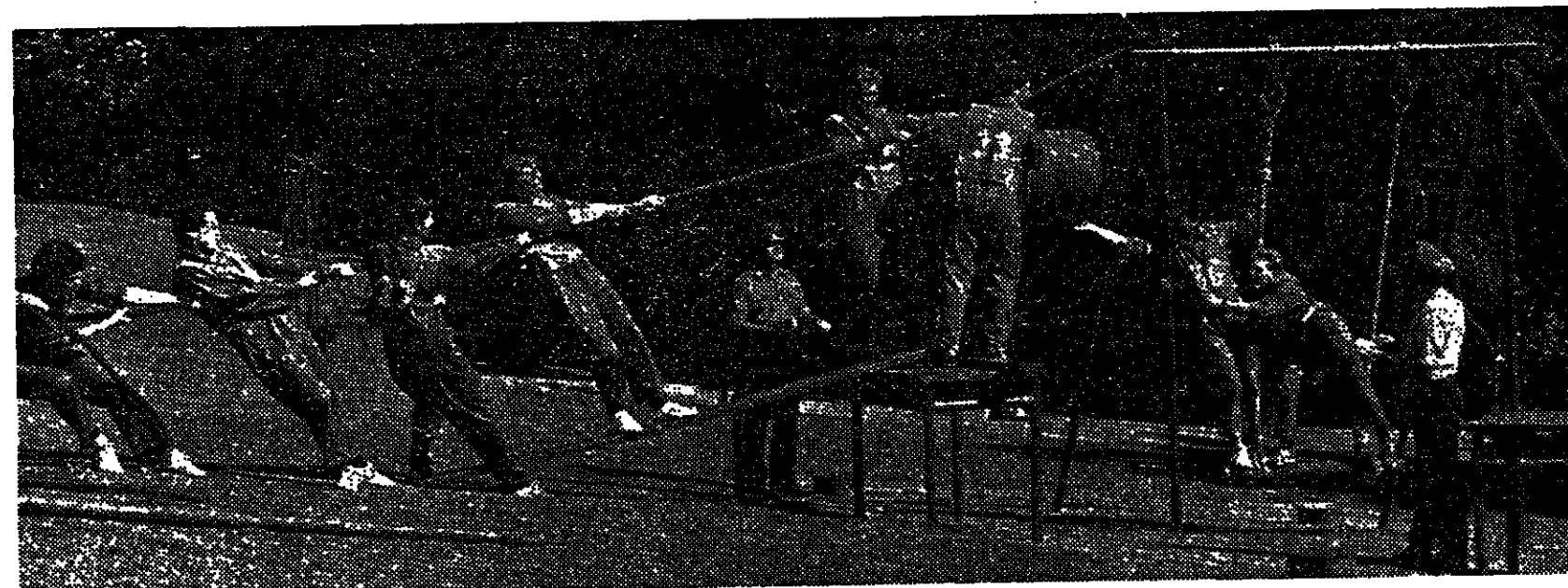
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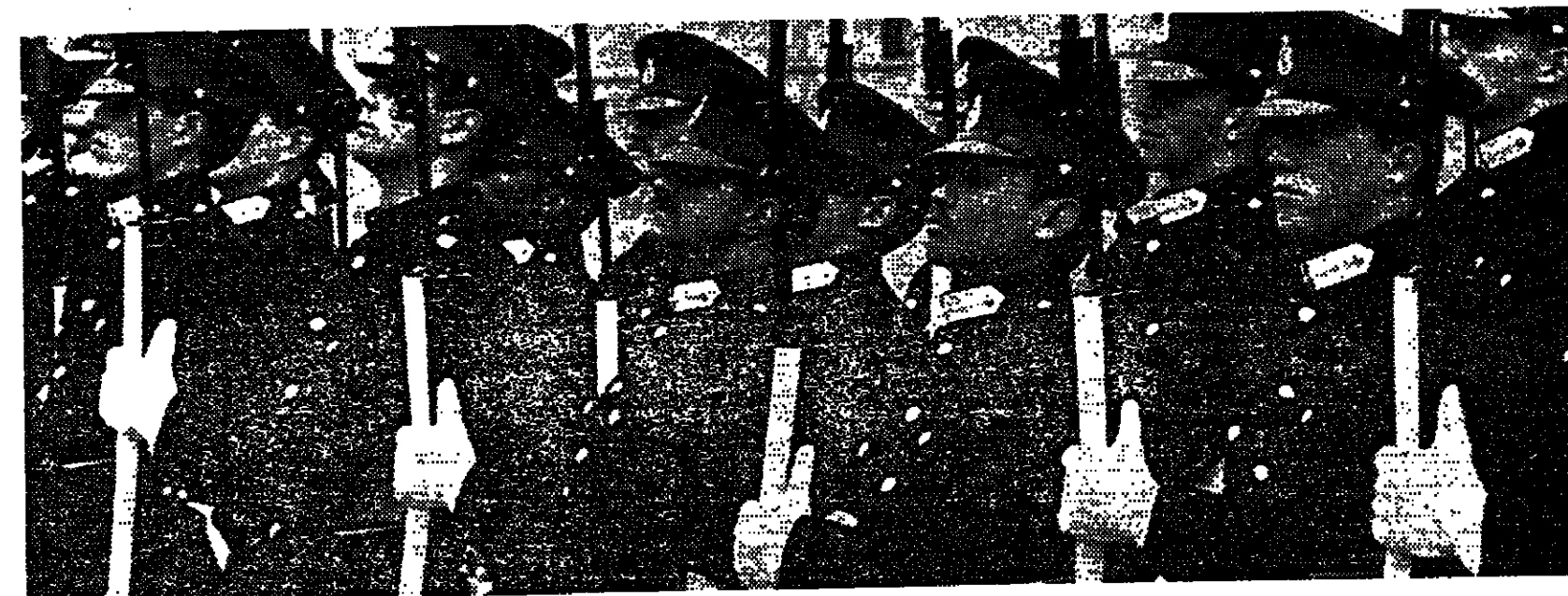
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Triumph turns to tragedy...



Yesterday's revelations in *The Times* of the discovery of Egyptian antiquities which had lain unnoticed for 60 years at Highclere Castle, the Carnarvon family home, have thrown fresh light on the Egyptian odyssey in the 1920s by the fifth Earl (left). Its climax was the opening of the tomb of Tutankhamun, the greatest find in the history of Egyptian exploration. Bryan Appleyard

reports on the extraordinary and bitter saga that led the Carnarvon family to maintain a 60-year silence on the subject of Egypt — and on the disasters which gave rise to the myth of the Curse of the Mummy's Tomb

Highclere Castle was built between 1838 and 1842 by the architect Charles Barry, whose next commission was to be the Houses of Parliament. Heavy and imposing, it stands in parkland on the 5,500-acre Carnarvon estate, just south of Newbury, in Hampshire. On the drive up to the house you pass through an avenue of 200-year-old Cedars of Lebanon, among the first trees of their kind planted in this country and now some of the biggest cedars in the world. Nearby is the famous Highclere Stud created by the fifth Earl, who looks down on both the house and the stud from his grave on top of Beacon Hill.

He never saw the face of Tutankhamun. The tomb was discovered in 1922 and Howard Carter, the Egyptologist he had employed in 1907, continued to excavate it until February 1923. He then broke off to buy more equipment. The scale of the operation was becoming clear to him and he needed more cotton wool, bandages and preservative materials that would allow him to move the pieces in safety. The usual excavation season in the valley lasted through autumn, winter and spring. In the summer the heat became intolerable.

So the tomb was closed. Carnarvon, however, was in the valley in March when he was bitten by a mosquito, an unremarkable event for a man who had been a regular visitor to Egypt for the past 20 years. But, soon afterwards, he cut the swollen bite while shaving and it became infected. He developed a skin inflammation, erysipelas, and

blood poisoning. By this time the excavations in the valley were being watched by the world. *The Times* had exclusive rights to the story and was covering every development at Cairo and Luxor. The progress of Carnarvon's illness was reported almost daily.

"A bulletin issued at noon today," the newspaper reported on March 24, "states that Lord Carnarvon is making satisfactory progress and that his general condition this morning was showing a definite if not great improvement."

For weeks he seemed on the verge of recovery. But the infection spread and he contracted pneumonia.

The death certificate is one of the most moving of the hundreds of discoveries unearthed at Highclere by the present Lord Carnarvon over the eight months. The flimsy fragment of paper records flatly that the Rt Hon Henry George Stanhope, Earl of Carnarvon, male, born 22nd June 1865, aged 57 years, Church of England Protestant, British and resident at the Continental Hotel in Cairo, died at 1.45am on April 5th, 1923.

Howard Carter's book — *The Tomb of Tutankhamun* — on the Tutankhamun excavation is dedicated to the fifth Earl "who died in the hour of his triumph. But for his unflinching generosity and con-



stant encouragement our labours could never have been crowned with success. His judgement in ancient art has rarely been equalled. His efforts, which have done so much to extend our knowledge of Egyptology, will ever be honoured in history, and by me his memory will always be cherished."

He died with the mummy of King Tutankhamun still entombed within its shrines, coffins of wood and solid gold, its fabulous golden mask and its linen shroud.

Five hours after the death, his son Henry, who had rushed to Cairo from his military duties in India, was addressed for the first time as Lord Carnarvon by Lord Allenby. He had inherited the estate of his cool, remote father to whom he had only ever been Lord Porchester.

Years later he described the scene: "I was playing polo in India; we'd just beaten the 11th Hussars — actually I shot the winning goal off a pony called Polly — when the clear-line cable came through. Viceroy Lord Reading was receiving us at that moment and he turns to his ADC and says: 'Get Porchester on my private train to Bombay,' and from there we were off, split-arse to Suez."

"My poor father looked dreadful, unshaven, bloodshot eyes, his moustache covered in yellow foam. I held his hot hand and I said: 'It's your son Henry, Papa. I've

come to make you better.' The *Times* obituary made it clear that the fifth Earl would be sadly missed:

"Brought up in such a home," it said, "Lord Carnarvon soon showed that he had inherited both the ability and the distinction of his parents. His was a most attractive character, and a certain unconventionality seemed to enhance his charm. No one could meet him even casually without liking him, while to his friends of all kinds and positions his loss will be really irreparable. Many of them sometimes regretted that he had no ambition for that public career for which he seemed so well equipped, but it is probable that he resembled his father in being too chivalrous a man for the hurly-burly of public life."

The death was to mark the beginning of the popular legend of the Curse of the Mummy's Tomb. It is said that, as he died, all the lights of Cairo were inexplicably extinguished. When Allenby met the Earl's son, a few hours after the death, he said: "Good morning, Carnarvon, very sorry about these lights. I've had the chief of the Royal Engineers here and he could give no explanation."

Meanwhile, back home at Highclere, at the moment of the fifth Earl's death, his favourite terrier yelped and dropped dead.

Marie Corelli, the popular novelist who was fond of producing crazy theories on anything that caught her fancy, had warned some days before Carnarvon's death that "the most dire punishment follows any intruder into a sealed tomb." The Egyptologist Arthur Weigall backed her up with grim warnings.



Lord and master: the fifth earl in a photograph from about 1913, probably in one of the temples at Karnak in Thebes and possibly a self-portrait taken with a timing device. With due lack of reverence, his ever-faithful terrier made sure he would not be kept out of the picture

In fact there were a frightening number of bizarre incidents. Carnarvon's two half brothers — Aubrey and Mervyn — both died at around that time. American railway magnate Jay Gould died after visiting the tomb, and an Egyptian visitor was later shot by his wife in the London Savoy. Carter's assistant, Arthur Mace, died before the tomb was cleared, a French Egyptologist saw the tomb and died in a fall soon afterwards, Carter's secretary, Richard Bethell, died and so did Bethell's father, Lord Westbury. At Westbury's funeral an eight-year-old child was accidentally killed by the hearse.

The popular press had a field day. But the reality was that the curse was remarkably inconsistent. Carter himself

lived to the age of 64, dying on March 2, 1939, in London. He was exhausted and he did not survive to complete the full technical publication of his life's work. But he had cleared the tomb as thoroughly and meticulously as seemed humanly possible. Meanwhile, many others who entered the tomb, including Lady Evelyn Herbert, lived to ripe old ages.

By now, the real drama was taking place in the Egyptian courts. Until the Tutankhamun discovery the question of who owned unearthed antiquities was settled on the basis of an old established practice. Roughly speaking, the Egyptians split the finds 50-50 with whoever paid for the digging. The contracts for

excavation licences specified this deal with one important exception — if an intact tomb was found, all the contents would go to the government.

The row over the Tutankhamun discovery centred on the meaning of the word "intact". Carter and Carnarvon claimed, correctly, that the tomb had in fact been robbed twice. But the Egyptians maintained that, since the King's body was still there, the tomb was technically intact. A complex dispute ensued which, at one point, led to Carter stopping work completely.

He posted a notice outside the tomb: "Owing to impossible restrictions and discourtesies on the part of the Public Works Department and its Antiquities Service, all my collaborators, in protest,

have refused to work any further upon the scientific investigations of the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun."

There were stories of violent rows about who was allowed to visit the tomb. But the central issue was ownership of the contents. Later research indicated that Carter ran into trouble when he was found to have been hiding a beautiful wooden head of Tutankhamun in a Fortnum & Mason crate labelled "red wine".

The dispute ended in 1924. The Carnarvon family were denied ownership of any of the finds, but at least Carter was allowed to finish the central task of his life.

The new Lord Carnarvon

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In search of the unknown frogman

artfile



SARAH JANE CHECKLAND
A weekly look at the art world

A bloody battle is in progress. Ten thousand mice leap forward like so many Baryshnikovs, brandishing swords, while their ugly enemy, the frogs, fall in jagged agony, revealing cavernous mouths.

The scene is from the *Batrachomyomachia* — an ancient parody of Homer's *Iliad*. It relates "How threatening Mice advanced with warlike grace, and waged dire combats with the croaking race." The frogs are about to be exterminated: "Unless some favouring Deity descend, Soon will the Frogs' loquacious Empire end".

Executed with relish, in minutely detailed gouache, the work is clearly painted by an original, with an imagination which competes with Richard Dadd's. But whereas Dadd features proud in the history books, this artist is an unsung hero.

His name is Henry Bright (1824-1876). He lived outside Thames Ditton, Surrey, and subsequently Kennington, south London. Judging from his virtuosity, he probably had academic training. The battle scene was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1871, and



Jump to it: the frogs defend their empire in Henry Bright's version of the *Batrachomyomachia*

in Bath, 1913, along with paintings by Pre-Raphaelites Rossetti and Millais. But there are no records of him in the RA schools, or in the National Art Library.

He has the added misfortune of sharing the name Henry Bright with a member of the Norwich School of painting, and also, it appears, with an Edwardian who specialised in painting robins on Christmas cards — possibly our frogman's son. But now he has acquired some champions: fine art dealers called the Lees, based in Bruton Place, west London. After four years' research, they have accumulated four works by him.

Their first Henry Bright acquisition was made early in 1984 when another dealer showed them a Polaroid of a French clock. Beside it was a photograph of "View of Three Towns" — another striking crowd scene, this time entirely of frogs. In dozens of cameo scenes, it parodied French politics in the nineteenth cen-

tury as it proceeded through imperialist, monarchist, republican and communist rules in quick succession.

The *Iliad* scene came up at Sotheby's in March 1984, where the Lees paid £25,300, which was £20,000 over estimate. "Clearly people saw the quality of it," as Charles Lee says.

Then, in 1986, they discovered an advert in a 1936 copy of *Country Life*, in which the author, writing from Suffolk, described a painting in his possession. "Two members of the landed frogery are walking into an ambush... Can you throw any light on Henry Bright?" Despite the time lapse, the Lees wrote in and, to their astonishment, got a reply. The author, now in America, explained he had given it to a friend who resembled a toad, and who lived in New York.

Charles Lee made an appointment to call on the

current owner — an eminent author — but on arrival, heard the painting had just been stolen. It has not been seen since. Now two further works have turned up: a whimsical certificate of the "Ancient Order (or Modern Disorder) of Frogmen" — a parody of chivalry — and a vignette of frog robbers counting their loot.

Keen to keep Bright's paintings in Britain, they approached the Tate Gallery offering to sell, but were turned down because he has no conventional track record. "People won't judge a thing by its merits, but like to look it up in a dictionary," Charles Lee says.

Now it is up to us to search our attics for further Henry Brights. Then he can win recognition at last. That is as long as the Lees' resolution lasts. Swiss collectors have just emerged, pleading to buy.

No less than 21 top London dealers are packing for Maasricht for a busman's holiday, costing £25,000 a go. The largest art fair Europe has known opens on March 19 in the town's new exhibition centre, with 100 stands and a prospective turnover of £40 million.

Art fairs have existed since the 17th century. Vermeer peddled his paintings in them, so did van Goyen. Now, in reunification Europe, we are told the international version is the forum of the future.

Clemens Vandervren, a Dutch organizer, lists Maasricht's merits. Its Dutch location is convenient for French and German dealers; it has a new airport; it offers a "Champs Elysees of art, with paintings on one side and antiques on the other" — the

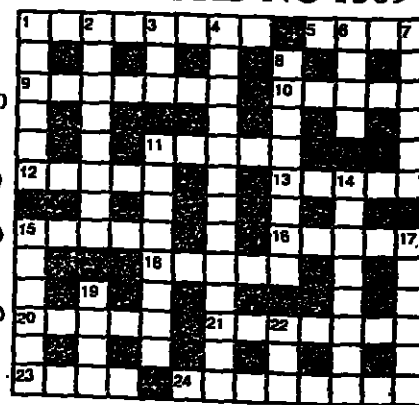
perfect place for the busy, collecting, billionaire. He reveals in the quality London newcomers: Danny Katz, Wartski, Bernheimer.

But changing the art world's axis, even temporarily, is not as simple as it sounds. "London is already the best permanent fair in existence, with its concentration of Old Master dealers," says Thomas Brod, of The Brod Gallery, St James's. For him, Maasricht is a huge mare. "The pictures are broadcast all over. When you come back, prospective buyers have already seen them."

He and his stay-at-home friends are not surprised Mr Vandervren is pushing Maasricht so hard. But why, they ask, should those who have a perfectly good shop, shut it up and join the bandwagon?

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1509

- ACROSS
1 Hymn praising god (8)
5 Cudgel (4)
9 Negro/white child (7)
10 Person musical (5)
11 Tiny (5)
12 Of lowest rank (5)
13 Desert water hole (5)
15 Castrated cock fowl (5)
16 Shelled gastropod (5)
18 Hold-up (5)
20 Strongman (5)
21 One more (7)
23 Jesuit motto (1,1,1,1,1)
24 Face parts (8)



- DOWN
1 Maiden (6)
2 Coconut type fruit (8)
3 Dreamy (3)
4 Marshal McLuhan's world view (6,7)
6 Cornrake, crane (4)
7 Intellectual ability (6)
8 Covetousness (8)
11 Social reputation (8)
14 Seeker (8)
15 Nicaraguan rebel (6)
17 Scots lord (6)
19 Face up poker (4)
22 N. English "anything" (3)

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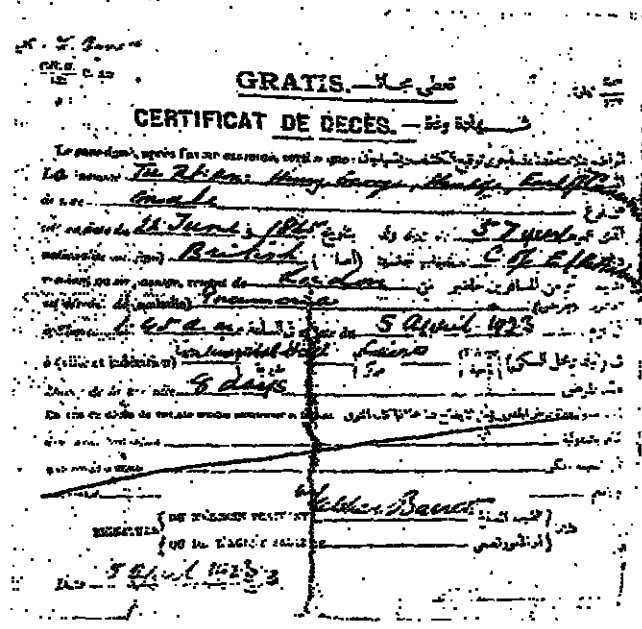
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SPECTRUM

...and the legend is born

The fruits of an obsession

Even the less successful Carnarvon-Carter digs are now shown to have produced important finds, says British Museum curator Dr Nicholas Reeves



Deadly mythology: Lord Carnarvon's death certificate (top), and the terner, then back in England, who died at the same moment as the earl

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was disgusted with the whole affair. His childhood had, in any case, left him with little sympathy for his father's enthusiasms. On returning to Highclere he banned any mention of Tutankhamun or Egyptology. The one connection he was to retain with Egypt for the remainder of his life was that he would occasionally go race-riding there. The servants thought he was afraid of the curse. Either way most of the massive accumulation of antiquities collected before the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb were sold to the Metropolitan Museum in New York, apparently cleansing the house of its connections with ancient Egypt.

The sixth Earl's son, the present Lord Carnarvon, was

born in January 1924 at the height of the ownership row.

"My father never wanted to talk about it at all," he recalled at his London home in Knightsbridge. "Our nannies or servants would say it was because he was frightened of the curse of the Pharaohs. But the truth was he felt he had been entitled to whatever my grandfather should have got from the Egyptian Government. I always remember my father said the judge in the final hearing was Italian - he said they were all pro-Egyptian in those days."

One curious piece of evidence that the ban was not quite complete, however, has been rediscovered at Highclere. It is a painting done by the present Earl when he was eight. It shows the face of Tutankhamun.

In 1903, two years after his near-fatal motoring accident, the fifth Earl of Carnarvon decided to make Egypt his winter home. Like so many of his contemporaries, he took to Egyptology, but what began as a casual interest, developed rapidly into an obsession.

In 1906 the Egyptian Government allotted him a site at Sheikh Abd el-Qurna, a region of the Theban necropolis or burial ground. Carnarvon worked feverishly for six weeks during the spring of 1907. The results were meagre - a large mummified cat, now in the Cairo Museum, was the only find of note - but the fifth Earl's appetite had been whetted.

He realized, however, that for future work he would need expert guidance. His choice fell upon Howard Carter, a former chief inspector of the Egyptian Antiquities Service who had fallen on hard times and was eking out a living as a watercolour artist in Luxor.

The interests of both men were from the start directed towards the Valley of the Kings, where Egypt's rulers were buried between the 18th and 20th dynasties. The concession to excavate, however, was held by an American, Theodore M. Davis, so Carter and Carnarvon had to content themselves with work in the non-royal tombs of Assiut.

During the 1912 season, Carnarvon divided his efforts between Sakha, in the Nile Delta, and a site which was identified as the Roman period settlement of Thynabounoun, at Thebes. In 1913, Carnarvon turned his attention to el-Balamun, an important tell, or settlement mound, in the eastern Delta. Though results were better than at Sakha, they still did not match expectations and work was abandoned.

Diggings at Thynabounoun continued into 1914, though without any inspiring discoveries. Carter therefore decided to investigate a newly-uncovered tomb further to the north which he identified as that of King Amenophis III (ruled 1514-1493 BC) and his mother, Ahmose-Nofretiti.

In June 1914, following the death of Davis, Carnarvon was at last able to secure the concession to the Valley of the Kings. Carnarvon had recently bought three magnificent bracelet plaques believed to have been plundered from the tomb of Amenophis III (ruled 1390-1353

BC) so work began in the Western Annex at the tomb site. Carter uncovered four intact foundation deposits which provided evidence that work on quarrying the tomb had begun in the reign of Amenophis III's father, Tuthmosis IV. Several hundred fragments of the king's funerary equipment were then discovered in the tomb.

In 1916, Carnarvon sponsored Carter's clearance of the recently-discovered cliff-tomb prepared for Queen Hatshepsut, the widow of Tuthmosis II, but in 1917 work was resumed in the Valley of the Kings. The only discovery of note during the next few seasons, made on February 26, 1920, was a cache of 13 splendid jars bearing the names of Ramesses II (ruled 1279-1213 BC) and his successor, Merneptah (ruled 1213-1204 BC). They appear to have contained oils employed in the mummification of the latter king.

Carnarvon was permitted to retain six of these vessels by the Egyptian authorities, but they were a poor recompense for the time and money expended and, by 1922, the fifth Earl's interest was clearly on the wane.

Prevailed upon by Carter, he agreed to one last season, and on November 4, 1922, Carter made his historic discovery of the first of a series of steps leading down to the tomb of Tutankhamun.

Less than two years later Lord Carnarvon was dead and his superb collection had left Highclere for good, packed by Carter. Yet the collection Carter had put together was not complete, as a postscript reveals: "A few unimportant antiquities not belonging to this series I left at Highclere."

Carter's evaluation of this material was coloured, no doubt, by the magnificent treasures from Tutankhamun's tomb. The objects rediscovered at Highclere are undoubtedly more modest, but the collection includes several pieces of first-rate importance. Some are immediately recognizable from published accounts, others were previously known only from descriptions in Carter's papers.

From the seasons of 1907-1911, come several items from two of the richest burials they cleared: tombs 24 and 37 in the Assiut. The Highclere finds include two bright blue faience bowls, fine examples of their type, and the remains of a charming blue faience hippopotamus, frog and lion. Two dismantled but otherwise complete wooden jewel boxes are also included, as is



Dark lady of the sands: this papyrus fragment is believed to have come from Lord Carnarvon's excavations in the necropolis at Thebes, probably between 1907-11

an incomplete third box and a selection of its contents - gold-capped hardstone cylinders and gold, silver, faience and carnelian beads.

Among the successes of the Balamun season, is the discovery of silver jewellery of the late Ptolemaic period and two bronze figures representing the god Harpocrates (Horus the Child) and the Apis bull. Both date to around 400 BC.

But perhaps the most important group of pieces from the re-discovery is that which represents Carnarvon's share of material from his unpublished clearance of the tomb of Amenophis III in 1915. The group includes several objects from the tomb's foundation deposits, with bright blue faience plaques bearing the cartouches of its founder, Tuthmosis IV.

Fragments of the king's wooden shabti figures are also present; one foot fragment, in alabaster, carries the name of the king's consort, Tiye.

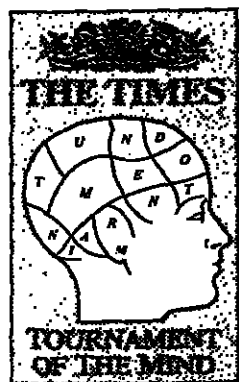
A resin-coated wooden panel, perhaps from a box, also carries the queen's name. Among a mass of broken debris which Carter recovered from the well and well-chamber of Amenophis III's tomb are several faience beads, sequins and amulets. A small but important openwork fragment, also of blue faience, similarly preserves the lower part of a standing female figure. It is almost certainly from a bracelet plaque similar in design to those (now in the Metropolitan Museum) which had first prompted Carnarvon and Carter to embark upon their clearance of the tomb.

A large alabaster jar with lid, found in the Mummy Room, may be identified from Carter's notes as one of the group discovered in the Valley of the Kings in 1920. Of the remaining five which formed Carnarvon's share, two are now in

the British Museum and one is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The provenance of a number of the 300 or so pieces rediscovered at Highclere is still uncertain. Among the more interesting of the unattributed pieces are: a well-carved ivory head with painted gypsum wig, probably dating from the late Middle Kingdom (1987-1640 BC); a splendid blue crown from a composite statue of New Kingdom date (1540-1075 BC); Book of the Dead fragments on papyrus from the New Kingdom and later, containing spells to guarantee a carefree existence in the next world; and a number of small, chalice fragments from the Third Intermediate Period (1075-716 BC).

Further study will no doubt shed more light on the origins of these pieces. They may then be assigned their proper place in the reassessment of the Carnarvon-Carter seasons which now seems called for.



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Solve the logic behind this diagram. What should replace the question mark?

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2 GENERAL - Score 14

Using the same letter for both words, replace the first letter of each word either side of the brackets in order to create two new words. Place the letter you have used inside the brackets and then, by reading down, you will discover a new word. What is it?

MEAL	()	CORE
PEAT	()	CAVE
BOUT	()	DOOM
TON	()	GRATE
LICE	()	FEAR
BARN	()	MAST

NS. All words appear in the large edition of the Collins English Dictionary

3 MATHS - Score 12

You should be able to discover the reasoning behind this diagram. Tell us what will replace the question mark.

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100	169	16
81	?	25
64	49	36

4 MISCELLANEOUS - Score 12

Over a month, five friends buy pints of beer as follows: John buys 45 more pints than Bill and Bill buys 48 fewer than Charles. Edward buys 18 more pints than Dennis while Charles buys 25 more than Edward. If Bill and Edward buy a total of 25 pints between them, how many pints are bought altogether?

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1. In which month is the vernal equinox?
2. Which Greek was called "the father of history" by Cicero?
3. Who wrote the lyrics for the musical Cats?
4. Who was the mother of the actress Liza Minnelli?
5. Which author created Captain Horatio Hornblower?



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Answer 3 Answer 4

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Answer 1

Answer 2

Answer 3

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Why did Howard Carter (left) send the Carnarvon collection to the Bank of England? Why was it sold to New York? And why was some of it quietly stored away at Highclere?

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Were you seeking to pinpoint the subtle differences between Proust's sensibilities and my own, you would need look no further than Mare Street, E8. Where Marcel required only the delicate collision between incisor and dunked madeleine to exhume buried infancy, mine sprang out like a ferreted rabbit at the first acrid whiff of the Hackney Empire's proscenium dust.

Given that the main constituent of domestic grime is, of course, old desquamated skin, and that the stage of the Hackney Empire appears to have gone unscathed for half a century, I could well, last Saturday, have been sniffing pure Max Miller; if not, indeed, Little Tich and Marie Lloyd. But whatever it was, its familiarity detonated the memory: the instant I set toe on stage I was suddenly back in the Forties, to that terrible moment in *Cinderella* when Tommy Trinder demanded that every tot in the house step up and help him sing his song, and my mother — normally the most sensitive of women — grasped the scruff of my neck and, swept along no doubt by the communal tide of maternal ambition, thrust me forward to embark on that glittering theatrical career which was to last a full five minutes before collapsing in hysterical tears. Even now, I am unable to sit in the stalls without breaking out in a muck sweat lest Hamlet suddenly invite me to come up and help him finish off Claudius.

Last Saturday the stage was empty but the view was the same: four tiers of serried plush and gilded plaster rolling back as many decades and refilling the ears with vanished cackling. I was there not, this time, to wave my handkerchief when Buttons cried *Puff, puff, choo, choo, and off we go!* but to chuck a bit in the box to help preserve the only Edwardian variety palace to strike the bingo shackles from its feet and be reborn free. Nine years ago, as Mecca began dismantling the old dear, English Heritage came to the aid of a distraught Hackney Society and, after a brief court skirmish, a deal was struck with the Hackney Empire Preservation Trust, to whom Mecca would sell the building on the undertaking that the Trust would restore it.

Much of the restoration has been carried out, the theatre has been up and running variety for a year — the foyer sports handbills for George "I'm Not Well" Williams and Syd Wright Ace Xylophonist and, oh joy, Billy Moore the Yodelling Accordionist — but Mecca Leisure still requires £150,000 for the freehold if the place is not to revert to bouncing ping-pong balls and short-term dreams.

Help, buy it. Phone Ann Cartwright on 986-0171. It's the only remaining purpose-built variety theatre in the south, and it must not be purpose-unbuilt. Remember Max Miller's immortal words? "There'll never be another!"

BARRY FANTONI



Your references are excellent but I can't see you with a droopy moustache and gold medalion.

I would seem to have got up the nose of Malawi's Minister of Justice. Nor does the Minister of External Affairs have a good word to say about me. As for the Minister of Works and Supplies, he is at one with the Minister of Agriculture in believing me to be a thoroughly bad lot.

Since all these influential fellows are not only one and the same man but also reside in happy co-existence beneath the natty suiting of the President For Life, you will understand my concern at having fallen so foul of Dr Hastings Kamuzu Banda that he will not have me in the house. Or, at any rate, my books.

This dispiriting intelligence arrived via Paul Theroux, a fellow victim of Dr Banda's displeasure, who was kind enough to send me a photostat of Malawi's *Catalogue of Banned Publications*, which normally costs, I note, 3 kwacha. I do not know how much 3 kwacha is, since the kwacha — or, when singular, possible *kwashwa* — has never appeared on those annual royalty statements which mark the beginning and end of my interest in foreign exchange rates; but however much it is, I am grateful to Mr Theroux for saving me from forking it out. If Hastings Banda won't buy my books, I don't see why I should buy his.

What baffles me is why he won't. The *Catalogue* does not say. It merely places my name between Coral, K., author of *Lesbo Nurses On The Make*, and Cox, Alain, author of *The French Maid* — and thus not to be confused with Cox, Richard (*Blow Me Hot, Blow Me Cool*), Cox, William (*Hot Times*), or Cox, M. (*Oversexed Astronauts*).

Fascinated to discover how my unsalacious cobblings might have placed me in the somewhat single-minded company of these other toilers in the literary vineyard, I embarked on a series of intercontinental phone calls costing God knows how many kwacha, none of which shed the faintest glimmer, especially the final desperate one to the Government Printer in Zomba, identified as the office responsible for publishing the pamphlet, who listened, laughed, and said off.

At least, he said he was the Government Printer. More likely Hastings Banda again.

If only the good doctor had the funnybone of the young black dude, whose boy racer turboed past me yesterday on Funchley Road! As the quadribarrelled exhaust dwindled, its plumes framed a number plate that made the spirits somersault: IAGO.

Othello is avenged.

Mr Lawson is said to harbour a wish to be remembered as a radical Chancellor. This Budget offers him a unique opportunity to introduce a truly radical new element to Britain's present taxation system: fairness.

As things stand, unfairness is of the essence. For the less well-off taxation is inevitable. For the rich it is now merely optional.

A few major loopholes for big speculators and higher earners mean that the rich need pay their proper share of taxes only if they are exceptionally badly advised. These tax loopholes cost the nation more than £1,000 million a year, a sum that would go a long way in industrial investment, in the NHS, or in reducing the tax rate for ordinary citizens stuck with PAYE.

Perhaps the best known tax-avoidance scheme is the one which recently gave trees in the north of Scotland such a bad name. It is only one of many, and, costing £35 million a year, one of the less expensive. Hotels for the homeless offer the investor the opportunity to cash in on the miseries that have followed

cut-backs in local authority housing budgets.

A typical example embodying this Thatcherite miracle would be a 45-room bed and breakfast establishment which turns the homelessness of the many into a tax-haven facility for the fortunate few. Its revenue is assured: around £11,000 a week from board and lodging paid for principally by local authorities. Its capital funding poses no problem either: a score or so of investors chipping in up to £40,000 each in return for a £24,000 tax break, effectively a free handout from less ingenious taxpayers, can easily be found and would be rewarded yet again when the rapidly appreciating building is sold off in a few years. Officially designated Business Expansion Schemes, such hotels

are quite monumentally cynical ventures in tax avoidance by the very well off.

Business Expansion Schemes are now mushrooming among private hospitals, nursing homes, health clubs, and now private schools, as well as in homeless accommodation. They cost us £85 million a year in lost tax. Around £60 million a year is also lost to the Exchequer in tax-shelter schemes in some of the poorest areas of Britain. By acquiring property in officially designated Enterprise Zones the rich can now enjoy tax avoidance opportunities formerly available only in such places as Panama, Lichtenstein, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

The system is simple: investment in Enterprise Zone factories can be set against top rates

of tax while offering rental income. Typically the sums involved range from £20,000 to £1 million — spending power that is not lost to the rich investor because, on the strength of his investment, cash can be borrowed back. So soft a touch has the British tax system become for the very rich that exotic tax havens are now virtually unnecessary. Why send any of it to the Dutch Antilles when you can have it all in the Isle of Dogs?

In terms of individual advantage, executive share options are probably the most lavish mechanism yet devised for helping the rich to help themselves. In each of the last three years a lucky 50,000, mainly directors and senior executives, have helped themselves to more than £100 million in avoided taxation. All

gains are automatically free of top-rate income tax. Only Capital Gains Tax need be paid, and experience suggests that this too can be avoided.

For the last three years changes in indexation and identification rules governing Capital Gains Tax have made it easier for individuals and institutions to sell shares one night and buy back the next morning, thus creating a book loss to wipe out Capital Gains Tax liability.

One such massive operation on the night of November 3, 1987, involved 105 million privatized BP shares and established a loss for tax purposes of £52 million — at a cost of £18 million to the Exchequer. In all, the Chancellor will probably lose £900 million of Capital Gains Tax revenue in the current

financial year. In this way ordinary tax-payers have picked up the bill for much of the Stock Exchange losses of those at the top.

All these perks for the wealthy are on top of the very considerable tax advantages that already accrue to them from retirement annuity pensions, company cars and business entertainment.

By taking full advantage of the various help-the-rich schemes that create tax shelters in forests, hotels and run-down industrial estates, the average man on a million a year need now pay the taxman nothing in income tax and only £1,381 in National Insurance contributions, the kind of sum deducted at source from a PAYE wage-earner on an annual income of £5,800, less than half the average wage.

If ever there were an opportunity for radicalism in the cause of tax reform, this is it. Next Tuesday we shall see how Mr Lawson rises to the challenge.

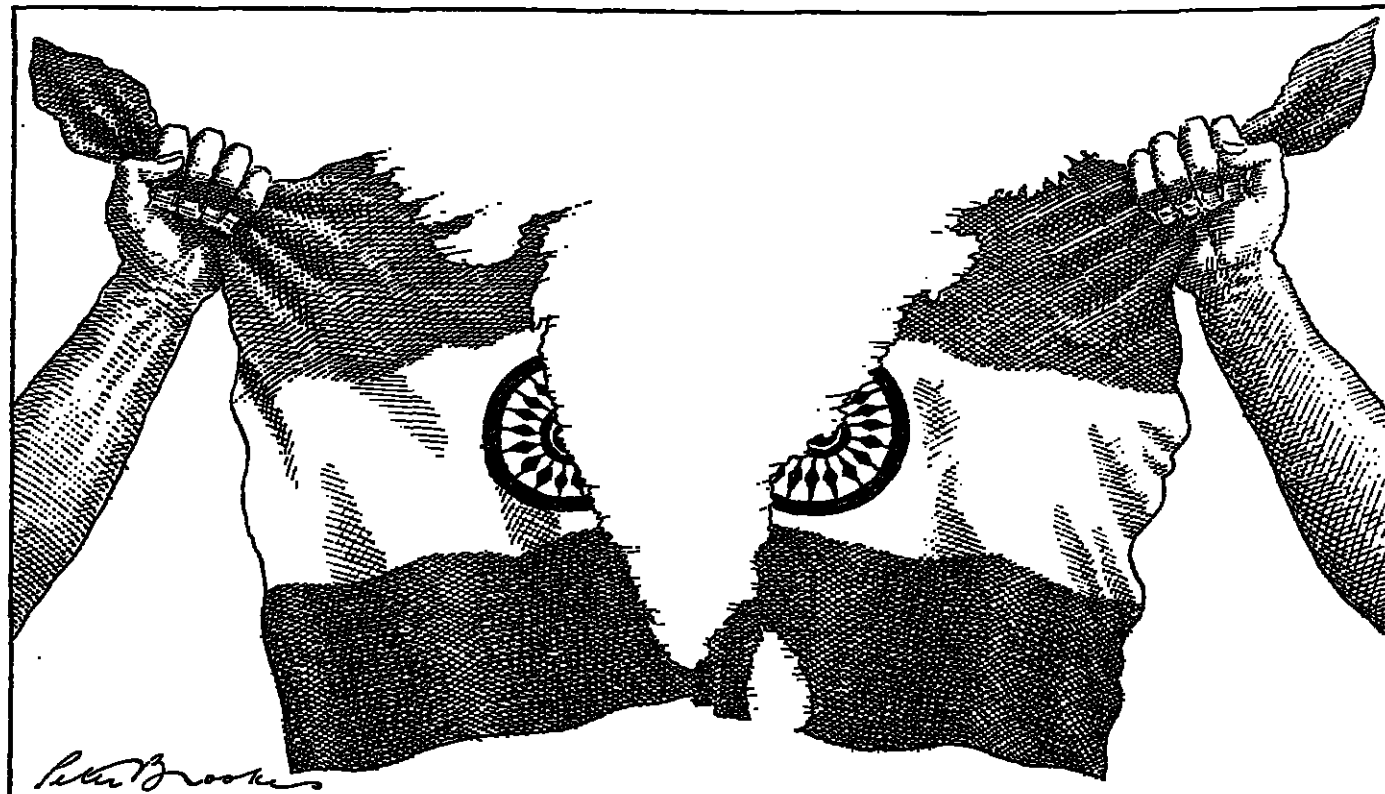
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Gordon Brown puts forward a Labour view of a radical Budget

Scrap these tax perks

Conor Cruise O'Brien

The twin threat to India



verbal entries on the map are all in Punjabi, in the Gurmukhi script, peculiar to the Sikhs, being the vehicle of their sacred writings. Some places are renamed, sometimes drastically so. The Indian capital, Delhi, is given a new Sikh name: "Tenth Guru City." Delhi's international airport — now called Indira Gandhi Airport — is to be called Beant Singh Airport, after one of Mrs Gandhi's two Sikh bodyguards who murdered her in October 1984.

To most Indians, this last change in nomenclature would sound very much as would, to most Americans, a modest proposal to change the name of John F. Kennedy International Airport to Lee Harvey Oswald International Airport.

On the face of it, the Khalistan project, as currently expounded in the precincts of the Golden Temple, seems like a piece of simple lunacy. Sikhs form fewer than 2 per cent of the total population of India; it is not even remotely possible that Indians could ever be turned into a Sikh state. Yet, within the appar-

ent lunacy of the Khalistan project, there is a disconcerting gleam of rational politics. That gleam consists of the omission, from the map of Khalistan, of Jammu and Kashmir.

Jammu and Kashmir are claimed by Pakistan, as part of its own rightful territory. And Pakistan is discreetly backing the Sikh war for "Khalistan". So it would be impolitic for the Sikhs to claim Jammu and Kashmir as part of Khalistan. As the "map of Khalistan" reflects the political logic of that, we may infer that the holy warriors of the Golden Temple are not quite as crazy as they may sometimes sound.

Even the wild maximalism of that map has a certain political logic behind it. The war which the Sikh extremists are waging, with Pakistani backing, is a war for the destruction of India. Both the Sikh extremists and their Pakistani backers have powerful motives for revenge: the Pakistanis for the loss of Kashmir and Bangladesh; the Sikhs for

the "desecration of the Golden Temple".

Historically, the Pakistani-Sikh alliance must appear unnatural. The Muslims, in Moghul times, were the great persecutors of the Sikhs, and in modern times the most hideous massacres which accompanied the partition of the sub-continent in 1947 were of Sikhs by Muslims and of Muslims by Sikhs. Yet during the present decade a common hostility to the government of India has brought numbers of Sikhs and Muslims closer together politically. Muslim contingents, carrying the green flag with the crescent, now attend the political-religious rallies of the Sikhs; something that would have been unthinkable while memories of the partition period were fresh.

Between Sikh and Muslims on the one hand, as against the government of India on the other, there is also the bond of a common attitude towards the proper relations of religion to the state. For both Sikhs and Muslims — no doubt with some

exceptions — religion and state are inseparable. A secular state is a godless state, and therefore illegitimate. A democratic state, based on the suffrage of people of all religions, and of no religions, is also godless and illegitimate. By both criteria, the government of India is stripped of legitimacy in the eyes of those who feel that way about these things. And many Hindu extremists, much as they detest Muslims and Sikhs alike, feel the same way about India's secular and democratic state.

In the 40 years of its existence, independent India has weathered many challenges to its system of government and has managed to preserve the secular and democratic character of the Indian state. I believe it will weather the present challenge also. Yet the challenge coming from the Punjab appears more serious than any earlier, for a number of reasons. Previous challenges came mostly from less developed marginal regions, and from poor sections of the population. The Punjab is the richest of India's provinces, and

the Sikhs are among the richest and the most dynamic of India's people; they have also a formidable military tradition.

True, most Sikhs are not in favour of Khalistan. But neither do they repudiate it. Representative Sikh gatherings grumble about the Indian government's reaction to Sikh terrorism while taking great care never to allude to the existence of the terrorism the government has to fight. "Hands off the Golden Temple!" is the public position of almost all Sikhs, even moderate people who know that the temple precincts are the main focus for terrorist activity in Punjab.

These proclivities of the Sikh population — proclivities exploited by the terrorists and their Pakistani backers — have combined to make the region around Amritsar and along the border with Pakistan into one of the principal — and least publicized — zones of terrorism in the world today. The terrorists cannot hope to defeat the forces of the central government. But they can hope, with the precedent of the 1984 anti-Sikh Delhi riots in mind, to intensify their campaign of terror in such a way as to precipitate a major communal backlash among the Hindu majority against minorities, and so precipitate the disintegration of India amid scenes which would recall those that accompanied partition in 1947.

Fortunately, the cohesive and centripetal forces in India are probably stronger than the terrorists would allow for. Many people — even, I suspect, many Sikhs, in private — realize the extent of the disasters which would follow if the terrorist programme were to make significant advances. Yet the threat remains strong enough to make the struggle a momentous one.

Much is at stake, not only for India but also for the future of democratic and secular institutions throughout the world. Few people here appear to realize this. For Western news coverage from the subcontinent is at present far from being proportionate to the magnitude of the issues at stake there.

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Commentary • WOODROW WYATT

Pressure cooking

Mahatma Gandhi's "Quit India" civil disobedience movement was unnecessary exhibitionism. The decision for independence had been made by the Government of India Act 1935 by which provincial governments were elected with almost full autonomy and by which there could have been a Viceroy's Council chosen by the political parties. All was ready for a natural slide over to quick independence if the war had not intervened, during which the divisions between Muslims and Hindus hardened.

Gandhi's Congress tried ineffectually to sabotage the war against Japan while Jinnah's Muslim League was all for it.

The legacy of that was Pakistan and hundreds of thousands slaughtered over the partition lines: there would have been no Pakistan if Gandhi had worked with instead of against the Government of India Act 1935.

The British are ingrained deniers. It was always their intention to leave India when its inhabitants wanted to go. We were not forced out. Wavell, the Viceroy, used to explain to me in 1946 that he could hold India securely with 30,000 British troops. So it was with the rest of our Empire.

It was impossible for us to establish rule abroad without planting the democratic seeds of its own destruction. School-books preached the virtues of democracy, which must inevitably include self-government, and the press was uncensored except rarely in an emergency. It was Clement Attlee who signalled the post-war wind of change, not Macmillan. Despite Churchill's vehement protests it reflected the general

feeling of the British, who rightly felt uncomfortable about governing people against their will, particularly after fighting a second world war to prevent just that.

Mr Gorbachev's Soviet Union is quite another matter. There has never been any democracy in Russia, save Kerevsky's 10-month provisional government. It is a concept so far incomprehensible to Russians, whether under the Tsars or the communists. A free press and free emigration are light years away. The idea that subject peoples might prefer independence to rule by Soviet puppet governments is met with genuine disbelief in the Kremlin and way down the line of the communist apparatus. The communists' religion, allied to age-old Russian autocracy, is set in concrete against self-determination and one man-one vote.

Brave Mr Gorbachev with his *perestroika* and his *glasnost* has embarked on exceedingly perilous adventures. The more private enterprise is allowed, offering more individual choice, the more consumers will want and the more the entrepreneurs will press for fewer restraints. The demand will feed upon itself, and free enterprise and free consumer choice are difficult to check without abolishing them once they have begun to grow. Questions will be asked and ever more vigorous complaints made, which is the beginning of progress towards democracy, however limited to start with.

Tolerating demonstrators and rioters in the Baltic states, Armenia and Azerbaijan under Mr Gorbachev's policy of allowing, if scant, political and nationalist expression can go in

one of two directions. Either the troops must shoot to kill, as the Tsar did and the reactionary communists in the Kremlin would like, or genuine accommodations must be made with the national aspirations of the subject peoples, which will rapidly grow if not knocked on the head instantly. Giving way would threaten Moscow's grip on the many nations which the Russian state has conquered and held since it began its imperialist expansion in 1462.

Today only about half the population of the Soviet Union (excluding the occupied East European countries) are Russians. They are being overtaken numerically by higher birth rates among the minorities, many of whom speak no Russian. The problem is not merely in the areas where there have been recent troubles: a properly conducted plebiscite in the Ukraine, for instance, would horrify the Kremlin at the strength of support for real autonomy. A similar one in the occupied East European countries would have the Russians out tomorrow. It is all fascinating and exciting stuff.

Mr Gorbachev may be a genius statesman who can gently ease the lid off without the pot boiling over and destroying the book. If the troubles mount and his critics grow louder he may have to force the lid back on again. That would be messy. Alternatively, he could be overthrown by the communist imperialists in the Kremlin or the Tsars were right and that Gorbachev's liberalism would lead to the unacceptable decline of the Russian Empire.

We would be wise to keep our powder dry.

SCIENCE REPORT

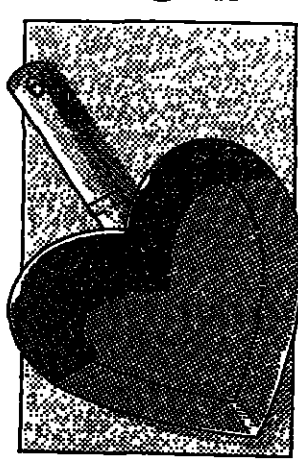
Sticking point

The stability of a class of fluorine chemicals renowned for their resistance to change has been called into question by research at Glasgow University. The development will give power to those counting on the chemicals' stability in experiments — in developing artificial blood, for example — but it is also a potential route to the synthesis of new important chemicals.

David MacNicol and Colin Robertson, who describe their research in the current issue of *Nature*, say they have already applied for a British patent for their discovery.

They have been working with chemicals called saturated fluorocarbons — hydrocarbons in which all the hydrogen atoms have been replaced by atoms of the element fluorine. Although fluorine on its own is the most reactive element of all, its atoms bind to carbon atoms so strongly that almost nothing can prise them apart. This property makes saturated fluorocarbons ideal when inertness is a priority. The best-known example is polytetrafluoroethylene, better known by its trade-name, Teflon.

But saturated fluorocarbons are also used as aerosol propellants and refrigerants (in which they are implicated as threats to stratospheric ozone) as well as industrial solvents and plastics. The property of some of them to bind loosely to oxygen accounts for their interest as blood substitutes, for which chemical stability is essential.



John Lawson

The surprise outcome of the Glasgow research is that some fluorocarbons can be made to participate in chemical changes under quite mild conditions. Usually, they have to be heated to about 500 deg C with metal catalysts, or irradiated with gamma rays, before they will react chemically.

MacNicol believes that "the inertness of fluorocarbons was more in the mind than in the molecules". He draws an analogy with the inert gases, elements including the rare gases xenon and krypton which, until 20 years ago, were believed to be incapable of forming chemical compounds. The starting point for the Glasgow work is the discovery by MacNicol and Robertson that perfluorodecane, one of the fluorocarbons used in blood substitutes, reacts at ordinary temperatures with certain other organic mol-

ecules known by the term "nucleophilic", particularly in appropriate solvents.

The reactions now described are slow, taking months at room temperature. But eventually all the fluorine atoms are broken off and are replaced by molecular groups whose composition depends on the reaction partners, members of a class of chemicals known as arenecholates in the experiments now described.

MacNicol and Robertson emphasize the interest of the chemical reactions which, however slowly, appear to be able to detach fluorine atoms from carbon atoms under moderate laboratory conditions. But they are also keenly interested in the potential usefulness of the reaction as a means of making novel synthetic chemicals.

In particular, MacNicol says, it is hoped to use the reaction to make extremely pure saturated fluorocarbon polymers which will crystalline in form, but equipped with cavities on an atomic scale and with a shape that can be predicted in advance and into which other small molecules will fit snugly. Materials with similar properties, such as the natural, and recently, synthetic zeolites are now widely used as catalysts, but the molecular specificity the materials can provide is also of interest to pharmaceutical companies in the designing and targeting of drug molecules.

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THE RISING POUND

The decision to allow the pound to float upwards is the right choice made in the wrong way. While some tightening of monetary policy has become desirable, abandoning the target range for sterling has removed one of the few fixed points of the Government's monetary policy.

For several months the pound has traded in the range of between DM2.90 and DM3, and the longer this continued the more effective the exchange rate became as a point of reference in the Government's economic policies. By sticking to a stable pound the Government has been able to obtain some of the benefits of full membership of the European Monetary System, while retaining the flexibility of staying outside.

Uncapping sterling has removed that certainty. An exchange rate policy which can be altered in an upward direction at any moment may be equally vulnerable in a downward direction. This puts a heavy obligation on the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, to explain in his Budget next Tuesday what the Government's monetary policy now is.

No one would pretend that monetary policy is an easy matter. The Government, like others overseas, has endured a long process of disillusionment in which the twin aims of clarity and discretion in the interpretation of monetary conditions have gradually been found incompatible. In 1979, Sir Geoffrey Howe inherited from Labour a system of annual targets for growth in the money supply. Since then, Mrs Thatcher's two Chancellors have added additional targets, replaced them with a new, more narrowly defined number, dropped the original target and — over the last year — have effectively given up money supply targets altogether in favour of steering by the exchange rate.

The system of sterling targets has, in recent times, worked reasonably well. The relative strength of the pound has been a less ambiguous signal than the more esoteric measures of the money supply. At the same time, intervention in foreign exchange markets has given the Chancellor some short-term flexibility in responding to pressure. But a

monetary rule is useful only if the monetary authorities are seen to be committed to it. When the rule is less than explicit in the first place, the task of achieving market credibility is much harder.

Given the system we have, the decision to let the pound go is probably right. Ever since the new year began, Government and markets have been scanning each new piece of economic evidence to try to decide whether the economy was showing signs of slowing down after the crash in share prices, or whether there was a continuing risk of "overheating". Recent indicators have revealed little sign of a slowdown and some worrying pressures on inflation. House prices have accelerated, high street sales have stayed buoyant and credit has expanded. Above all, pay settlements have tended to increase at a time when productivity gains may be slowing down.

The Government responded to these straws in the wind with a rise in interest rates at the beginning of last month. But higher interest rates have put upward pressure on the pound. By feeding sterling into the system to try to keep the pound below the DM3 "ceiling," Mr Lawson risked undermining the disciplinary effect of the rise in rates.

The upward move in the exchange rate represents a tightening of monetary policy which will put additional pressure on companies to resist high pay claims. It will also, however, make life more difficult for Britain's exporters at a time when the balance of payments is already deteriorating sharply. To drive the message home, Mrs Thatcher made it clear in the Commons yesterday that interest rates would not be brought down again until inflationary pressures had subsided.

By releasing the pound the Government has set a firm background against which to present the Budget next week. Mr Lawson must now, however, spell out more clearly his monetary objectives. The best way to do that would be by making Britain a full member of the European Monetary System. If that is still subject to Mrs Thatcher's veto, then business people at least need a clear reaffirmation of the Government's intentions with respect to the exchange rate.

TIME TO FREE THE DOCKS

The survival of the National Dock Labour Scheme into the era of Thatcherism is a blatant anachronism. While the labour market in other industries has been significantly deregulated the dock scheme continues apparently immune to the Government's principles of industrial realism. Originally introduced in 1947 to ameliorate the then inequitable conditions of dockers' casual employment, it has no logical or social justification in modern industrial relations.

The effect of the scheme is that if one port employer goes out of business, the local dock labour board (on which the unions have 50 per cent representation) reallocates its registered dock workers (but not its other employees) to other employers in the port, who have to bear the cost of employing them whether or not there is work.

Such a device for overmanning is at odds with the Government's policies for ending conditions in which industry has to bear the cost of concealed unemployment. Even so, resistance to ending the scheme might be understandable if there were any threat of a return to the old conditions of casual employment — under which men looking for work formed a daily queue, and after some had been selected the rest were turned away.

But there is no question of this. Casual labour stopped in 1967 when all dockers were registered with permanent employers. The reality of employment in the docks today is that employers need a steady labour force on which they can rely. That this is so is proved in the new and more thriving non-scheme ports where employment has steadily risen, workforces are permanent and the only casual, or temporary, labour is that small proportion taken on to meet seasonal conditions.

Why, then, does the Government hold its hand from abolishing the scheme? The answer,

paradoxically, lies partly in the success of the new non-scheme ports. As their modern container traffic has risen, the old scheme ports such as London, Bristol and Liverpool have so declined that today, by a kind of natural wastage, there are fewer than 10,000 dockers covered by the scheme — compared with some 25,000 less than a decade ago. On the basis of such small numbers, the Government seems to think that it is not worth while facing the general ports strike which it assumes, not necessarily correctly, would be the consequence of ending the scheme.

Yet even with the diminished workforce covered by the scheme, its cost is very considerable. The scheme also prevents the modernization of industrial practices and gives the unions job-control.

The Transport and General Workers Union clings to the scheme because it provides them with an additional forum of industrial power. Yet the workers in both the scheme-ports and the non-scheme ports are in the same union, the difference between them being that the former have a job-for-life tenure and the latter, like almost everyone else in the country, can be made redundant under regulations which protect the interest of the employees.

A possible device for ending the scheme without serious strife is for it to continue for existing and aging employers, but not be applied to new employers in scheme ports. This, however, might lead to bad feeling between the privileged and the unprivileged. What seems clear is that the employers would offer safeguards for the jobs of existing employees under the scheme and the Government should grasp this opportunity to put forward plans for ending an outdated privilege — which is as unfair as between one dock worker and another as it is unfair to the community as a whole.

ARMS CONTROL

The law on the possession of knives in a public place dates from 1953 — and that on importing the more deadly of them, from 1959. It is surprising that it has taken the Government so long to heed the warnings of the police, and to acknowledge that the law as it stands is inadequate to deal with the growing problem of street crime in Britain. This has now reached almost plague proportions, and knives play a prominent part in it. The measures put forward yesterday, as Home Office amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill, are therefore welcome and overdue — though whether even they go far enough is questionable.

The amendments would make it an offence to import or sell a long list of weapons with names like *maurikigusari* and *kusari gama*, most of which originated in the more obscure and dubious byways of the so-called martial arts. They have begun to attract a cult-like interest, and their presence has been observed with some alarm on football terraces. Essentially, the amendments bring them under the same ban as those imposed in 1959 on flick knives and gravity knives. The new measures should also prohibit the sale of knuckledusters and swordsticks and even catapults — which, in their more powerful modern form, have become a dangerous threat to life and limb.

The most significant of the proposed new measures, however, is that which concerns the possession of an offensive weapon in a public place. It should go some way towards equipping the police with the powers they now need. The present 1953 law requires the police to prove that the person in possession of an offensive weapon intends to use it unlawfully. It may have seemed reasonable 35 years ago

that the police should have to prove that someone with a knife did not have it for a legitimate purpose. But they have found in practice that the street wisdom of the knife carrier has outwitted them. According to Mr John Patten, the Home Office Minister who announced these changes yesterday, the suspect has always been able to claim that he was using it to peel oranges — or some similarly innocent purpose.

In what is technically known as a reversal of the onus of proof, the Home Office proposes that someone found carrying a knife, other than a simple penknife, or any similar weapon capable of causing injury, should henceforth be committing an offence — unless he can prove the innocence of his purpose. It is envisaged that a person bringing home a kitchen knife he has just bought, or a workman returning with his tools, should not be committing an offence if he can show that the explanation offered is genuine.

In spite of those safeguards this may be seen as technically a restriction on individual liberty and the contravention of an important legal principle. But few would quarrel with the steps that are now proposed. There should be no civil right to carry a weapon capable of inflicting serious injury. The Home Office might indeed have gone even further, and given police officers the power to confiscate knives or similar weapons on the spot, to be reclaimed from the local police station later. Such powers would give notice that the carrying of any knife or similar item in a public place, for whatever purpose, was in principle antisocial — even when a legal defence existed. The steps announced last night are at least in the right direction.

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From Mr D. R. Cook
Sir, What the Master of Churchill College (March 5) appears to forget is that on the stamp there is a portrait of a lady who is head of the Church and to deny her the opportunity, albeit symbolic, of proclaiming occasionally its central truth is illogical.

Britain is a Christian country. Humanists are welcome, even in places of education.
Yours faithfully,
DAVID COOK,
Heulfan, Market Street,
Llangollen, Clwyd.

Sports injuries' effect on NHS

From Mr R. G. Pringle
Sir, The fracture clinic at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital on Tuesday, February 23, was relatively light. The previous weekend had not been a busy one — no holiday traffic, the roads clear, and the motocross season yet to start. None the less the clinic produced its usual quota of pain, economic hardship, and permanent disability.

Of the 31 new patients, 14 had sustained sports injuries. Three emergency admissions from the playing fields made a total of 17 injured sportsmen in all. Of those, three required urgent surgery and others will come to surgery in due course.

In terms of operating time and staff, two cartilages or one major ligament injury equal one hip replacement. It must be small comfort to the many people in Shropshire whose hip replacements are being deferred because of this workload to know that these largely self-inflicted injuries

Hospital closures

From Mr D. J. Knowles and Mr R. D. Illingworth

Sir, Lord Ennals's letter (March 7) appeals to emotional rather than rational responses. The Riverside Health Authority proposals, including the building of a new teaching hospital, create opportunity for significant improvement and development of a wide range of services. They are supported by the overwhelming majority of consultant medical staff in the district and by the associated Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School.

The fact is that every person who lives or works in this health district, which incorporates parts of the City of Westminster, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and all of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, is within two miles of a teaching hospital with the full range of acute services, including accident and emergency.

Both during the period in which we propose to build the new hospital and after that hospital has been completed, that level of access to teaching hospitals will be maintained. It is a standard that is a good as any in the entire NHS.
Yours faithfully,
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(District General Manager),
R. D. ILLINGWORTH
(Chairman, District Medical Committee),
Riverside Health Authority,
Brandenburg House,
116 Fulham Palace Road, W6.
March 7.

Polish complaint

From the Ambassador of Poland

Sir, Your feature writer Bernard Levin in his article which you thought fit to publish on March 3 has exceeded all accepted principles of journalistic ethics and good taste.

The pack of invectives directed against my country and its head of state, must arouse feelings of revulsion, indignation and also astonishment that a national newspaper of your standing should agree to publish them.

I most strongly demand that a full and public apology be issued in which you would dissociate yourselves from the views and frenzied schemes of a person clearly writing under some enormous psychological stress.

While submitting this most strongly felt protest, may I also speculate on your motives in publishing so defamatory an article at a moment when Polish-British relations seemed to be on the mend.

Yours faithfully,
ZBIGNIEW GERTYCH,
47 Portland Place, W1.
March 7.

Perfect timing

From Mr H. F. Ellis

Sir, Ever since the advantages of bringing various bits of apparatus to the boil began to be aired in your correspondence columns (February 18, 23, 25) I have waited in a kind of agony for some knowledgeable ass to point out that the trend was first set by Mr Mark Twain as long ago as 1878. Having waited in vain, I now undertake the distasteful task myself.

It was during his ascent of the Riffelberg, accompanied by Harris and 152 other assistants (plus 44 mules and seven cows), that Mark Twain boiled his barometer in an attempt to ascertain its altitude. In fact he boiled two, the second one "for half an hour" in a pot of bean soup which the cooks were making.

"The result", he says, "was unexpected: the instrument was not affected at all, but there was such a strong barometer taste to the soup that the head cook... changed its name in the bill of fare. The dish was so greatly liked by all that I ordered the cook to have barometer soup every day".

I hope this recipe may be of use to any of your readers who may be thinking of boiling their computers, word-processors etc. Twain, incidentally, also boiled a thermometer and a camera; but anyone interested in the results had better consult *A Tramp Abroad* (page 397 in my 1885 edition).
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March 5.

From Mr D. R. Cook
Sir, What the Master of Churchill College (March 5) appears to forget is that on the stamp there is a portrait of a lady who is head of the Church and to deny her the opportunity, albeit symbolic, of proclaiming occasionally its central truth is illogical.

Britain is a Christian country. Humanists are welcome, even in places of education.
Yours faithfully,
DAVID COOK,
Heulfan, Market Street,
Llangollen, Clwyd.

Sports injuries' effect on NHS

From Mr R. G. Pringle
Sir, The fracture clinic at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital on Tuesday, February 23, was relatively light. The previous weekend had not been a busy one — no holiday traffic, the roads clear, and the motocross season yet to start. None the less the clinic produced its usual quota of pain, economic hardship, and permanent disability.

Of the 31 new patients, 14 had sustained sports injuries. Three emergency admissions from the playing fields made a total of 17 injured sportsmen in all. Of those, three required urgent surgery and others will come to surgery in due course.

In terms of operating time and staff, two cartilages or one major ligament injury equal one hip replacement. It must be small comfort to the many people in Shropshire whose hip replacements are being deferred because of this workload to know that these largely self-inflicted injuries

Hospital closures

From Mr D. J. Knowles and Mr R. D. Illingworth

Sir, Lord Ennals's letter (March 7) appeals to emotional rather than rational responses. The Riverside Health Authority proposals, including the building of a new teaching hospital, create opportunity for significant improvement and development of a wide range of services. They are supported by the overwhelming majority of consultant medical staff in the district and by the associated Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School.

The fact is that every person who lives or works in this health district, which incorporates parts of the City of Westminster, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and all of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, is within two miles of a teaching hospital with the full range of acute services, including accident and emergency.

Both during the period in which we propose to build the new hospital and after that hospital has been completed, that level of access to teaching hospitals will be maintained. It is a standard that is a good as any in the entire NHS.
Yours faithfully,
D. J. KNOWLES
(District General Manager),
R. D. ILLINGWORTH
(Chairman, District Medical Committee),
Riverside Health Authority,
Brandenburg House,
116 Fulham Palace Road, W6.
March 7.

Polish complaint

From the Ambassador of Poland

Sir, Your feature writer Bernard Levin in his article which you thought fit to publish on March 3 has exceeded all accepted principles of journalistic ethics and good taste.

The pack of invectives directed against my country and its head of state, must arouse feelings of revulsion, indignation and also astonishment that a national newspaper of your standing should agree to publish them.

I most strongly demand that a full and public apology be issued in which you would dissociate yourselves from the views and frenzied schemes of a person clearly writing under some enormous psychological stress.

While submitting this most strongly felt protest, may I also speculate on your motives in publishing so defamatory an article at a moment when Polish-British relations seemed to be on the mend.

Yours faithfully,
ZBIGNIEW GERTYCH,
47 Portland Place, W1.
March 7.

Perfect timing

From Mr H. F. Ellis

Sir, Ever since the advantages of bringing various bits of apparatus to the boil began to be aired in your correspondence columns (February 18, 23, 25) I have waited in a kind of agony for some knowledgeable ass to point out that the trend was first set by Mr Mark Twain as long ago as 1878. Having waited in vain, I now undertake the distasteful task myself.

It was during his ascent of the Riffelberg, accompanied by Harris and 152 other assistants (plus 44 mules and seven cows), that Mark Twain boiled his barometer in an attempt to ascertain its altitude. In fact he boiled two, the second one "for half an hour" in a pot of bean soup which the cooks were making.

"The result", he says, "was unexpected: the instrument was not affected at all, but there was such a strong barometer taste to the soup that the head cook... changed its name in the bill of fare. The dish was so greatly liked by all that I ordered the cook to have barometer soup every day".

I hope this recipe may be of use to any of your readers who may be thinking of boiling their computers, word-processors etc. Twain, incidentally, also boiled a thermometer and a camera; but anyone interested in the results had better consult *A Tramp Abroad* (page 397 in my 1885 edition).
Yours faithfully,
H. F. ELLIS,
Hill Croft,
Kington St Mary,
Taunton, Somerset.
February 26.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 9 1815

"Riots", "disaffection" and "repression" are often mentioned by historians of the Napoleonic wars period. Parliament did not represent the nation and many men were unemployed because of agricultural depression and growing mechanization.

Popular Tumults.

Further Particulars.

Yesterday evening all was tranquil at the west end of the town; with the exception of a collection of between 20 and 40 persons, chiefly boys, there was nothing that bore the resemblance of a mob. Those few paraded the principal streets hooting and whistling. Large parties of Horse Guards paraded along almost every street west of Charing Cross. . . . We heard later that between 10 and 11 o'clock last night one of those rousing assemblies that infect the Metropolis broke the windows of the *Morning Herald* office in Catherine Street and then proceeded to the office of the *Morning Post* where they gave three cheers.

An evening paper gives the following account of the proceedings of a party of these misguided persons on Tuesday night.

BAKER-STREET, PORTMAN-SQUARE. — Arriving here about nine o'clock, they immediately began their attack on the house of Samuel Stephens, Esq, late M.P. for St J.W. Mr Stephens has not been in town these nine months. His house in Baker-street being left in the care of an elderly female servant, the mob met with no resistance, and the doors and windows in front, together with the iron railway of the area, were totally demolished. From Baker-street, the mob proceeded to

No.38, Harley-street, where, evidently by mistake, the house of Mr. Sampson, a most respectable and inoffensive lady, was the object of their fury — doors, windows and iron railings, all were broken and demolished, before Mrs. Sampson or her domestic had time to consult their safety by retreat. From Harley-street this division of the mob proceeded to

Portland-place, but here the military were collected in sufficient numbers to disperse them. Other detachments, however, had begun the work of destruction at

No.19, Wharfedale-street, the residence of Lord King, of which every pane of glass was smashed, and the window-frames and doors broken to pieces. Sir William Rowley, at No.34, in the same street, shared the same fate.

In no one instance did these destroying parties exceed fifty in number. Acting in detachments, they distracted and eluded the attention of the Guards; for although the scene of last night's operations does not exceed the circumference of half a mile, the whole of the mischief was effected in the momentary absence of the military. It is in this manner only that we can account for the havoc which took place in

MANFIELD-STREET, PORTLAND-PLACE. — Lord Rathmore, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, lives in this street, and children the next morning were seen to be playing in the front of it, and the adjoining houses of Lady Denny, and Thomas Hunter, Esq.

In the City also there was some appearance of a disposition to riot. . . . Shortly after the House of Commons adjourned, a great body of people proceeded down St. Martin's-lane, exclaiming against the Corn Bill, and threatening destruction to those by whom it was supported. The crowd increased as it advanced towards the House of Commons, where the rioters learned, much to their dissatisfaction, that an adjournment had taken place. Being disappointed in the expectation of meeting any of the obnoxious Members, they commenced an attack on the windows of that part of the House of Commons which faces St. Margaret's Church. . . .

THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Blind alleys

It seems like only 20 years ago that one was carrying an International Socialist banner into Grosvenor Square and shouting uncharitably at policemen - an exhausting task to spend a Sunday afternoon, but appreciably more fun than Latin homework.

When not physically confronting the lackeys of American imperialism, however, the IS of 1968 were as dreary a bunch of far-left robots as one could wish to find under one's bed.

The televising of Trevor Griffiths's 1973 stage play *The Party* (BBC1) reproduced with deadly accuracy the ideological handbag-swinging of that era. "Who was it said that personality is the gonnorhea of the Left?" droned a corduroy lecturer, before launching into a stuperficial "Marxian analysis" of *les événements* in Paris.

This prodigious speech was countered by another from an old-guard Glaswegian firebrand (wonderfully animated by Andrew Keir) who had already instructed his revolutionary goons to keep off the barricades.

Weaving through these forests of guff, Jack Shepherd's exemplary drunken right-winger did his ribald best to poop the party, notwithstanding Kenneth Cranham's remonstrations. He also had the best line: "Anything Pinter can't quite say, I can't quite say better."

Although decorated with news footage of the Paris riots and appropriate graffiti slogans ("Je suis Marxiste, tendance Groucho" etc), the production was largely condemned to working off reaction shots of the radical-chic auditors as the lava of Trotskyism flowed on and on.

These are the images that will linger in the memory: of concerned, eager dopes hunched in Cornelian chairs, and framed by pot plants, imagining themselves to be at the beating heart of the world, while the world itself went on regardless and unregarding.

Martin Cropper

Unfair to the Bard

THEATRE

Twelfth Night Theatre Royal Stratford East

If the RSC set this comedy in a 1930s colonial never never land, with Cesario running errands between a Caribbean Orsino and an Indian Olivia, there would be pages of quotes from V.S. Naipaul and Derek Walcott to say why.

The Stratford East programme is more down-to-earth. "Approximately 40 per cent of Newham's population is Afro-Caribbean and Southern Asian", it says; adding, with a strong hint of grievance, "Shakespeare is still studied at GCSE level and is compulsory for A-Level English."

In other words, there is no point in looking for any expressive purpose in Jeff Teare's production beyond the demands of integrated casting and community-outreach policy.

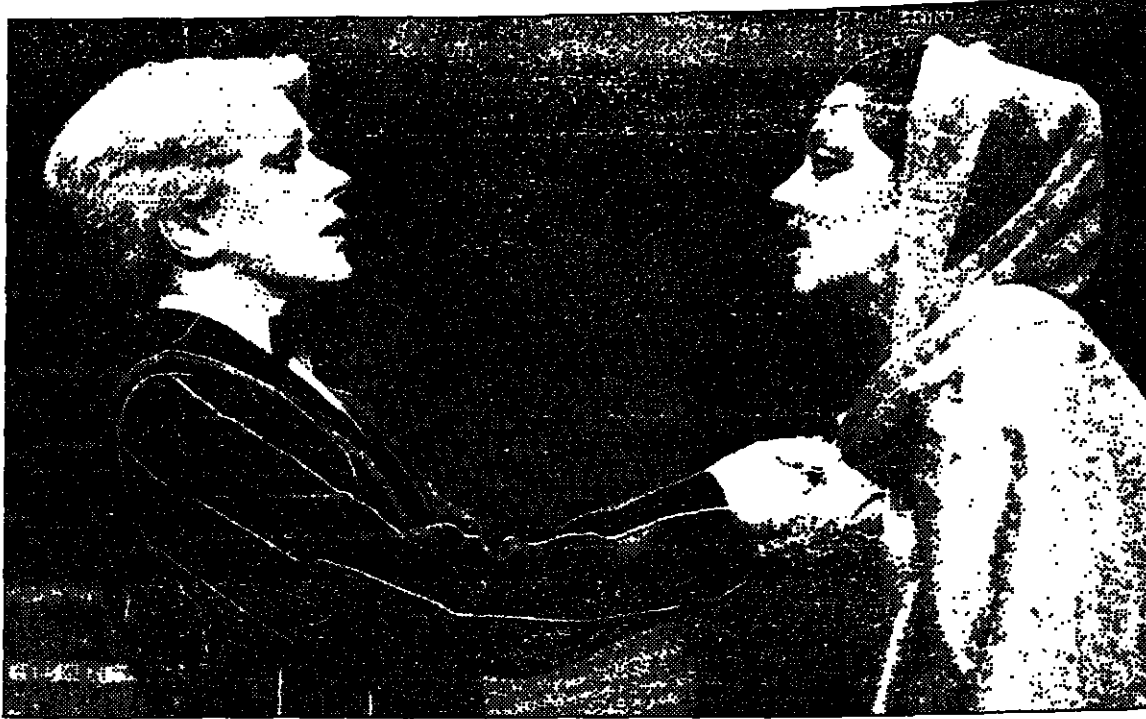
Equally, it would be ridiculous to

complain about the absence of style in a show that has only come together as an exercise in co-existence; where guitars and sitars mingle with Feste's thumb-piano, the text has been pruned for obscurities (so that Pythagoras's opinion on wild fowl turns into the ancient gurus' views on peacocks), and white supremacy fingers on in this "backwater of empire" in the person of an imperially disposed Malvolio in a sun-helmet and silly white plus-fours.

There is no doubt calculated that *Twelfth Night* is sufficiently indestructible to survive this treatment unscathed. True enough, its story comes through with the clarity of a fairy tale, arousing a good many laughs from those in last night's audience who had not heard the jokes before.

But even in the given circumstances, the Newham spectators have reason to feel short-changed. Having cast the piece, set it in a latticed box, and costumed it in saris, presidential uniform, and cricket flannels, Teare has then left the play to do all the work.

Perhaps there is no chance of reconciling all the unrelated ele-



Blazer'd Principal Boy meets slow-to-melt steely sari girl: Helen Atkinson Wood (left) and Josephine Welcome

ments; but at least there might have been narrative preparation and scenic ingenuity. Instead of which, there is no hint of any attachment between Toby and Maria before Shakespeare brings the matter up; the duels (two of the greatest cadenza points in English comedy) are halted before they begin; the catch scene is similarly interrupted before it reaches a climax; and the box-tree is motivelessly lugged all over the stage, effectively killing the response of Malvolio's listeners.

There are some good performances, and others which might have been straightened out. As it is, Winston Crooke's imperious Orsino cancels out his appearance with ingratiating speech; while Tariq Aitibi and Lyndam Gregory respectively offer a nervously defensive Sir Toby, cloaked behind mugging mannerisms, and a sensible and dignified Aguecheek.

Things are much better with Alan Cowan's Malvolio, a repressed bureaucrat who has to do a safe-

cracking job to produce a smile; and Josephine Welcome's steely Olivia, whose melting is the high moment of the show. In this mixed company, Helen Atkinson Wood sensibly jettisons the lyrical Viola and plays for parody and fun - a neat musical-comedy principal boy in blazer and bow-tie, concealing her emotional turmoil with complete success under the mask of a golden boy.

Irving Wardle

Utopian illusions

Getting Nowhere Gate Theatre

The attempt to create the socialist Utopia through magic seems only marginally weirder than Ian Saville's endeavour to put together a magic show that advances the cause of socialism. Nevertheless, patches of his work have potential, though the show needs considerable revision before it will hold together as a piece of entertainment, let alone aid the struggle to obliterate capitalism.

Saville, a conjurer since boyhood, is now somewhere in his thirties; bearded, bespectacled and broadly smiling, he wears a natty jacket brocade waistcoat and bow-tie in shades of cherry red.

His previous show, *Brecht on Magic*, apparently ended with a stuffed effigy of Margaret Thatcher and a cruise missile being shoved into a red (for socialism) box and vanishing. Since his present show is billed as a sequel, he repeats this trick, which quite fooled me, before calling upon his ventriloquist's dummy, Bertolt Brecht, to guide us into the future.

We have already been treated to a photo of Karl Marx with pop-open mouth who refuses to help and meanly keeps using the word *whim*, not an easy sound for ventriloquists to mouth while keeping their lips together. Saville goes out of his way to tangle himself in the hazards of the process (very Brechtian), and when Brecht gets a roll of wallpaper pushed over

his cheroot-puffing head and is transmogrified into William Morris, a similar problem of enunciation crops up with the Webbs.

His conjurer's patter catches an individual note with the pretence of causing silk handkerchief, £10 notes and the like to travel back and forth in time instead of merely making them vanish. But it is not enough to label a pair of metal hoops Poverty and Unemployment and link them together: there need to be twice as many conjuring tricks and a far shorter, or far more interesting, trip past man's various Utopias, from Plato onwards. At present the message within the magic is dry and tedious.

Jeremy Kingston

Just costume jewellery

AMERICAN THEATRE

Diamond Lil Conservatory Theater, San Francisco

Mary Jane West, born in Brooklyn about 1892, transfigured herself into that unique, hourglass-shaped phenomenon entitled Mae West. Since no suitable material existed, she wrote it herself - all her life. Her play *Diamond Lil* plus its 1933 movie version, *She Done Him Wrong*, brought her international veneration.

San Francisco's enterpris-

ing American Conservatory Theatre have now given *Diamond Lil* its first production anywhere since Miss West's 1951 Broadway revival. It presents one almost insurmountable casting problem, but Paul Blake, who staged this larky production, has probably done as well as possible by casting Gretchen Wyler. Londoners may remember her from *Sweet Charity*.

Advance publicity made it clear she had no intention of aspiring to imitate the inimitable Mae West. She puts on quite a show of her own, though, encased in costumes by Robert Fletcher which one can only call gorgeous.

The plot focuses on the universally beloved star of a

Bowery music hall (feliciously recreated by Douglas W. Schmidt) in the "Gay Nineties".

Numerous interpolated grand old favourites include "My Ragtime Gal", "The Strawberry Blonde", "Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay", "Frankie and Johnny", and "If You Were the Only Girl in the World". Bowery Rose, a deteriorated but well-nourished belle, has only one song ("How Could Red Riding-Hood Have Been So Very Good and Still Keep the Wolf from the Door?") but makes the most of it; a whimsical casting inspiration allots her role to Sydney Walker, Esquire, a 40-year veteran of 216 productions with this company.

Paul Moor

CONCERT

Pertinent piece a paradigm

Music Projects/ Bernas Almeida

Richard Bernas was surely right to choose Carter's *Syringa* as the lynchpin of his sequence of three concerts at the Almeida. It fits in, of course, with the "words and music" theme of the triptych, being a setting at once of an orphic meditation by John Ashbery and of ancient Greek fragments bearing on the same sounds and meanings. Moreover, it presents an image, even an emblem, of the musical conditions that have made wondrous such a contentious issue.

At a time when music no longer speaks as it did, it is natural that composers should find verbal language becoming similarly recalcitrant. Words explode into phonetic shrapnel, as they did in another work included here, Pascal Dusapin's brief and Xenakian *L'Homme aux lions*, for two sopranos and three violins. Or else they retreat into hermetic dumbness, which is the line of Carter's however rhetorical bass part, presenting the Greek texts beneath the reasonable discourse of the mezzo-soprano singing the Ashbery poem.

In this performance the beauty and characterfulness of *Syringa* were as well conveyed as its paradigmatic stature. Jane Manning, who had earlier offered a more luminous view of the antique world in Dallapiccola's *Sappho* and *Andromeda*, made the Ashbery setting almost conversational, while also bringing out a connection with Britten's *Nenia* on the same subject: one wonders if Carter knew the piece. The bass soloist missed the necessary authority by being too soft-textured, and too approximate in pitch, but the puzzling point of the piece was well made.

Paul Griffiths

Dancing the indefinable

John Percival meets David Bintley, Resident Choreographer of the Royal Ballet, and Simon Jeffes, leader of the Penguin Café Orchestra, whose music Bintley has used to create the ballet receiving its premiere tonight



Making the piece curv: David Bintley (left) and Simon Jeffes in a break from rehearsals at the Royal Opera House this week

Readers familiar with David Bintley's ballets may well not know the music of Simon Jeffes, and vice versa. That will be rectified tonight, when their *Still Life* at the Royal Ballet at Covent Garden.

Until a couple of years ago they were in the same state of ignorance about each other. Then Bintley, resident choreographer of the Royal Ballet, bought a record of Jeffes's Penguin Café Orchestra, attracted by the mysterious painting on the sleeve cover. As with all Jeffes's discs, this was by Emily Young and showed, in Bintley's words, "these bizarre creatures in a very realistic landscape."

He listened to the first track, found it disconcerting and switched off. But later, when busy with something else, played the whole disc and had the idea that he could make a ballet to this music. Then came an enquiry about doing a ballet specially for television, and he says, "I thought this might be suitable. But the

suggestion fell through, as they always seem to do, and I put the idea aside."

This is perhaps the point to mention, for those unfamiliar with the Penguin Café Orchestra, that its music, all by Jeffes, has been variously described by admirers as a mixture of chamber, classical, folk, jazz, minimalist, new age, reggae, rock, systems and western country hoe-down.

Jeffes himself cheerfully admits to multiple influences, "How can I not be influenced by almost anything I have heard, even if it is only to rejection?" He seems happy that his music has attracted a certain mystique and is not going to dispel the myths that have grown up around it.

The concept of the Penguin Café is supposed to have come to him in a nightmare caused by food poisoning in France or, by other accounts, Japan. Similarly there is alleged to have been a real Penguin Café in London or Tokyo. But for Jeffes, and now for Bintley, it is an idea rather than a place.

Jeffes says: "You can see it and hear it, but you can't define it."

The ballet began to take shape only about six or nine months ago when Bintley again took up the idea for a stage production. When he started selecting the pieces from the records which he would like to use, his initial version came to about 90 minutes. He whittled that down to an hour and then, more painfully (he pulls a graphic face as he describes the process) to the present eight numbers, or 35 minutes' playing time.

"I was pleased because he had chosen certain key numbers," Jeffes says. "I thought at first that I would prefer a different order but we have ended by using them exactly following David's first list."

Bintley breaks in: "It's difficult, in a way, because the first four numbers are all very up, then come two in succession which are - I won't say down, but darker, more serious. I quite like to have a kind of turning point in the music of my ballets, but this might have been too much."

However, the pair of them are happy with it now, and Jeffes waves his hands to illustrate his belief that the ballet has a good shape - a smooth curve rather than up and down.

For his recording, Jeffes has used such unconventional in-

struments as a set of glasses filled with water to different depths, or a rubber band stretched round the back of a chair and accompanied by the "ringing" and "engaged" tones of a telephone.

These are not very practicable in the pit at Covent Garden; nor does the orchestra there run to the large number of plucked instruments (guitars or ukuleles) he likes to use. So it has all been re-orchestrated with much pizzicato and lots for the harpist to do.

There may be a bonus for the Covent Garden orchestra, since they will probably record the score for use in the Bavarian State Opera, Munich, where Bintley is mounting a complete evening of his ballets next month (*Allegri diversi* and *Metamorphosis* are the other choices). The Munich orchestra, which recently got *Elite Synchronisations* removed from the repertoire because it thought rag-time beneath its dignity, has also refused to play Penguin Café music.

About the ballet itself, Bintley is reluctant to say too much before the first night. There is to be a surprise twist which may make us see everything in a different light. But expect something episodic, with a cast of 23 all used as equals even though some of them happen to be principal dancers.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Revolution of the heart

Six years after her lover, Ayatollah Khomeini's right-hand man, was executed, a Canadian journalist has written a book about their romance amid the revolution. Fionnuala McHugh reports

In October 1978, Carole Jerome, a Canadian journalist based in the Paris office of the Canadian Broadcasting Company, interviewed an Iranian called Sadegh Ghotbzadeh. Ghotbzadeh was leader and spokesman for the Liberation Movement of Iran, an exiled anti-Shah organization, and was, therefore, in close contact with Ayatollah Khomeini. Despite initial reservations — his voice was that of "an unctuous conman" — his manner "amiable, yet somehow dangerous" — within days they became lovers.

They spent four months together in Paris, and, when Khomeini flew back to Tehran on February 1, 1979, Ghotbzadeh, then 41, was at the Ayatollah's right hand and Jerome was part of the press corps seated at the back of the plane. She made three further visits to Iran, until Ghotbzadeh, who had been made Foreign Minister, was executed by firing-squad at the notorious Evin Prison in 1982 for his part in an attempted coup.

Jerome is in London this week for publication of the book she has written about these events. *The Man in the Mirror* is subtitled "A True Inside Story of Revolution, Love and Treachery in Iran", and is a curious mixture of heavy romance ("the dark eyes seemed to hold secrets, the wide mouth was almost too generous") and hard politics. "I wanted to write a book that could be read both by Eric Rouleau, Middle East correspondent for *Le Monde*, and by my mother and her bridge club," Jerome explains.

The photograph on cover is of a wide-eyed, potentially ingenious woman. In reality,

Jerome, 39, appears professional and brisk. When the book came out in North America last September, one of her interviewers described how she burst into tears over lunch. "That was too soon. I can accept what he did now and why he did it. I can accept why he died."

This acceptance is harder for an emotionally uninvolved Western reader. At best, Ghotbzadeh comes across as politically inept, trusting those who ultimately betrayed him; at worst, he clearly propped up a new regime which was just as responsible as the Shah's had been for the torture and murder of thousands.

According to one Middle Eastern correspondent who interviewed Ghotbzadeh when he was Foreign Minister, "If Khomeini hadn't been there, Ghotbzadeh would have stepped into that vacuum, and, believe me, he would have created a society that Amnesty International would have condemned. He was a machievellian schemer."

"I only wish he had been machievellian," is Jerome's retort. "He might be here today. He was learning. By the time he died he had become quite a good politician." She denies that her journalistic faculties were suspended by the nature of their relationship, though she writes that "all he needed to do was open one eye and I dithered."

"That was at first. He was a tremendously powerful personality who was authentic," Ghotbzadeh's own theory was that she needed to be with somebody who was a bit dangerous, "a gangster".

Does she consider him a hero? "Yes, I do. But he was a human being with some tremendous faults and a fatal, fatal naivety about the mosque and Khomeini. He was a hero in the sense that he had the courage and dedication to work all his life for what was, for him, an ideal. He realized and took responsibility for the tragic mistake he had made. He never tried to escape. Sadegh never asked to be forgiven for having brought this monster home."

Throughout the book there are hints about other women with whom Ghotbzadeh ("considered the Revolution's

most eligible bachelor") had affairs during the four years Jerome knew him (in that time the couple spent only seven months together). "He had girlfriends. I had boyfriends," Jerome says. "He didn't go around hopping from bed to bed, though that

was the impression the Mullahs liked to give of him."

As to any suggestions that he might have been using her — "No, for the simple reason that I was far more of a risk than a use." In theory their affair was a secret, but, aided by Ghotbzadeh's recklessness

the Mullahs soon realized what was happening. In December 1980 Jerome left Tehran after a tip-off that she was to be arrested and charged with being the Foreign Minister's CIA contact. She never saw Ghotbzadeh again.

Whether the book is nec-



Now and then: the author and journalist Carole Jerome today and, above right, her lover Sadegh Ghotbzadeh with the Ayatollah Khomeini

essarily biased or not, however, it is clear that Jerome is a courageous woman. Her research into the tangle of Middle Eastern politics took her to Beirut, where Nabih Berri, head of Amal, Lebanon's Shia political and military organization, warned her not to continue her investigations into the Lebanese overlap with Iranian politics and, in particular, into Ghotbzadeh's role in them.

Though the book is a personal testimony to one man, she insists it was also written for professional reasons. "It is a warning to Western governments that these men must not be encouraged for a single day: Islamic fundamentalism is the greatest threat posed to the West today."

In a way her book is about

the ever-shifting boundaries of truth. Persians, according to Jerome, believe what they want to believe. They have "a tremendous capacity for self-delusion. As reporters covering the revolution, the most outstanding problem that we faced was trying to sort out fact from fiction. But, after a while, you get to feel when it is half-truth... and it is usually half-truths more than lies." Amidst such deliberate obfuscation, she has written her side of the story of Ghotbzadeh; other observers see him in a harsher light. If such a thing as the unbiased truth exists, then, presumably, that may be found somewhere in between.

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The Man in the Mirror, by Carole Jerome, published tomorrow by Corgi/Hyman (£12.95)

Ear to the ground

Emma Nicholson, MP, has talked of how she copes with her duties despite being hard of hearing. Jack Ashley, another MP, is totally deaf and manages magnificently. Ronald Reagan wears a hearing aid. But not enough is done, says Laila Spence, a London lip-reading teacher, for professional people who are frightened of losing their jobs and self-respect along with their hearing. Lip-reading classes run by local education authorities can cost as little as £1 a term, but Spence, who teaches with the I.E.A., realized that many people were too embarrassed or too busy to go along. So she has started private Better Hearing Circles in her home, for groups of four or five, at a cost of £52 for four one-hour sessions. For her free booklet, "Hearing Loss", a guide to facilities for the hard-of-hearing in West London (which includes information of use to those outside the area) send a large SAE with a 24p stamp to: Laila Spence, 60 Elberby Street, London SW6 9EZ (tel 01-731 0556).

Last-minute mum

Just in time for Mothering Sunday, British soaps are catching up with the American film industry's fascination with middle-aged motherhood. *Coronation Street* has a pregnant, 40-plus pub landlady and *Archers* fans will be pacing the floor as expectant Jennifer (aged 43) agonizes over whether to have amniocentesis or the earlier, but possibly riskier, chorionic villus sampling. A consultant obstetrician has joined *The Archers'* medical advisor to hold the scriptwriters' hands through Jennifer's minutely detailed gestation and The Medical Research Council in Oxford is on standby for the flood of calls which are expected on CVS.

No strangers

Teaching children to "Say No to Strangers" is a well-established campaign, but a book now stunning America asserts that most young victims are abused not by strangers but by those they know, trust, even love. *By Silence Betrayed* (Little, Brown) is written by John Crewdson, chief of The Chicago Tribune's Los Angeles bureau, who has reported extensively on child abuse cases. He claims that 38 million Americans admit to having been abused as children. Teaching children to say "No" to relatives and friends — and even parents — becomes a different ballgame.

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Quote me...



"Any man would be a fool who didn't agree with equal rights and pay, but some women, now, juggling with career, lover, wifehood, have spread themselves too thin and are very unhappy. It is time they looked at themselves and stopped attacking men. Guys are going through a terrible crisis right now because of women's unreasonable demands." Michael Douglas

Ideal ideas

Between the prototype robots and holographs of the "home of the future", the dog hair defluffers and fat-free fryers which are a perennial presence at the Ideal Home Exhibition, there lurk a few genuinely good new products which are concrete, not conceptual. This year's is the Free-flue gas fire from Derwent. It can be sited almost anywhere, thanks to its streamlined, powered flue which can be concealed beneath floorboards or skirting boards. A boon to flat dwellers, it costs £479, including fitting, from the Gas Board.

Not a stitch

Clothkits used to be for busy-fingered sew-n-sew types who simply could not cut out patterns. But over the years the innovative catalogue company, whose printed corduroys became the hallmark of mnesti-belt mothers, has introduced more readymade clothes to woo the do-nothing-yourselfers. The spring/summer catalogue, available free from Clothkits, 24 High Street, Lewes, Sussex BN7 2LB (tel 0273 477111) features ready-to-wear knits, crisp sailor dresses, skirts, trousers and even bikinis which you can put on without a stitch, so to speak. Clothkits was taken over last year by the Palma Group, and a spokeswoman says that the delays which some customers have experienced in receiving orders should be "a thing of the past".

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■ **ANGEL HEART** (18): Mickey Rourke's down-at-heel detective pursues a missing person to the seedy underworld of New Orleans. Pulpy stuff, directed by Alan Parker in slam-bang style (113 min).
Cannon Home Video (01-437 3561).
Progs 1.10, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15.

■ **CRY FREEDOM** (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments, with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 5.40, 8.40.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2536). Progs 1.25, 5.00, 8.30.

■ **JEAN DE FLORETTE** (PG): Absorbing, beautifully acted version of Marcel Pagnol's novel about a provincial life in the 1920s, with Yves Montand, Daniel Auteuil, and Gérard Philipe. Claude Berri directs (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-362 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.25, 8.40.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2536). Progs 2.00, 5.40, 7.10, 9.35.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-363 6148). Progs 2.45, 6.25, 8.05.

■ **THE LOST BOYS** (15): Adolescent vampire teenagers. The young cast includes Jason Patric, Corey Haim and Jamie Gertz. Joel Schumacher directs (87 min).
Warner West End (01-438 0791). Progs 8.25, 8.40.

■ **MANON DES SOURCES** (PG): Ten years after the death of Jean de Seigne, his 18-year-old daughter still haunts the hills overlooking the farm stolen from her father by Soubeyran, played by Yves Montand (120 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2536). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **NO WAY OUT** (15): Polished version of a film noir classic, *The Big Clock*, with a new Pentagon setting and a few extra twists. Gene Hackman plays the Defence Secretary with a crime to cover up; Kevin Costner is the cover-up investigator. Roger Donaldson directs (114 min).
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(a) Danish dialect for a trip, possibly derived from "to brand" and meaning "branding". "Where's the kettles?" "I want to be the kettles."

CURSUS HONORUM
(a) The sequence of honours (jobs for the boys); i.e. the prescribed succession of elected and appointed positions that marked the progress of the political career of a Roman patrician, i.e. of the ruling class.

STRIPPERS
(b) Little cards cut wedge-shaped, a little wider than the rest of the pack, so as to be easily drawn by magicians or card sharps in a crowded game. That is why you should never play poker.

MERDAILLON
(b) Course French slang for a pretentious and bombastic person, and also for an evil but preposterous child, i.e. he can come from merde.

■ **BACK WITH A VENGEANCE**: Dennis Egan's back again, joshing the possums. Strand Theatre, Aldwych WC2 (01-836 5559). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, 8.50-11.50pm. (D)

■ **BLACK HEROES IN THE HALL**: Of Fame: Episodic celebration of famous black returns for eight performances. Astoria Theatre, 167 Charing Cross Road WC2 (01-434 0449). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Wed-Tues 7.30-10.30pm, except Sun; 2-5pm, and 7-10pm, 8.50-11.50pm.

■ **HAPGOOD**: New Tom Stoppard play; spies, physics and misunderstandings; with Nigel Hawthorne, Roger Rees, Felicity Kendal and Ian Hall. Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych WC2 (01-836 5559). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm and Sat 4-7pm, 8.50-11.50pm.

■ **LETITIA AND LOVAGE**: Maggie Smith and Margaret Tzavak waging acrobatic war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new play. Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 2.30-5.30pm, 8.50-11.50pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, 8.50-11.50pm. (D)

■ **THE MIRACLE WORKER**: See capitol. Westminster Theatre, Palace Street SW1 (01-834 0283). Tube: Victoria. Tues-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 2.30-5.30pm, 8.50-11.50pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, 8.50-11.50pm. (D)

■ **ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST**: New Vic Theatre Company under Robin Midgley Theatre, 100 Tottenham Court Road (01-363 6148). Progs 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45. (D)

■ **NOTHING HILL CORNET** (01-727 6705). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 8.20, 10.20. Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Mon-Sat 2.30pm, 4.45, 8.25.

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■ **SOUTH PACIFIC**: Gemma Craven and Emily Belmont in magnificent staged revival. Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1 (01-839 5959). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 2.30-5.30pm, 8.50-11.50pm. (D)

■ **YOU NEVER CAN TELL**: Toby Robertson's starry show, with Michael Hordley, Irene Worth and Michael Denison. Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 8832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 2.30-5.30pm, 8.50-11.50pm. (D)

■ **LONG RUNNERS**: Beyond Reasonable Doubt. Queens Theatre (01-734 1166). Progs 7.30-10.30pm, 8.50-11.50pm. (D)

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9.00 *News and weather*, followed by *Open Air*. Patti Colwell receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. To contribute ring 061 814 0424.
9.20 *Kilroy*. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.
10.00 *News and weather*, followed by *Going for Gold* (r).
10.25 *Children's BBC*. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings, followed by *Play School* and *The Wombles* (r).
10.55 *Five to Eleven* with Martin Lancaster.
11.00 *News and weather*, followed by *Open Air*.
12.00 *News and weather*, followed by *Daytime Live* with Nicola Pagett, a heavy smoker, through a smokescreen to demonstrate how much harm she has done to her health; plus Indian cookery with Shashad Hussain. 12.55 *Regional news and weather*.
1.00 *One O'Clock News* with Michael Buerk. *Weather*.
1.30 *Neighbours*. Paul's partner takes drastic action to speed up his development plans for Ramsay Street.
1.50 *Golfing for Gold*. European quiz show with Henry Kelly.
2.15 *Film: And I Alone Survived* (1978). Made-for-television film based on a true story about the sole survivor of a plane crash in the Sierra Nevada. With Blair Brown, David Ackroyd and Vera Miles. Directed by William A. Graham.
3.50 *Penny's House* (r). 4.00 *Animal Fair* with Don Spencer.
4.05 *Laurel and Hardy*.
11.40 *weather, closedown.*

BBC2

6.55 *Open University: Engineering*. Ends 7.20.
9.00 *Coastal*.
9.45 *Daytime on Two*. Le service militaire 10.00 *You and Me* 10.15 *Cleaning* 10.30 *Island of Rhum* 11.00 *Words and Pictures* 11.15 *Tutorial Topics*. The jacket, followed by *Teachers* 11.40 *Science in Action* 12.00 *A Space for Living* 12.25 *Equal People* 12.50 *Welcome to my World*.
1.20 *News and weather*, followed by *Man (r)* 1.30 *Zig Zag*.
2.00 *News and weather*, followed by *Storytime*.
2.15 *Antiques Roadshow* visits Belfast (Coastal) (r).
3.00 *News and weather*, followed by *World Bowls*. Coverage of the second round of the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship from Alexandra Palace in London. David Icke introduces highlights of the first matches, with commentators David Rhy-Jones, Jimmy Davidson, and Douglas Donnelly.
3.50 *News and weather*, followed by *regional news and weather*.
4.00 *Catchword*. Word game presented by Paul Cola.
4.30 *World Bowls*. Continuing coverage of today's matches.
5.30 *Film: Barry*. Barry Norman reviews *Ordinary* starring Albert Finney, and *Somewhere to Watch over Me* starring Tom "Platoon" Berenger (r).
6.00 *World Bowls*. Highlights of the best matches in the second round.
7.10 *Review Special*. Three relatively unknown London painters who are currently exhibiting in the capital talk about their work. John Keane's *See You in the War Zone* is the result of a visit to Nicaragua; Jack McFadyen's grotesque and witty caricatures of urban life are on show in Camden; and Peter Davis explains how he ended up exhibiting in a London car show room.
7.40 *The Rock 'n' Roll Years*. 1963 - the year John Kennedy was assassinated, a woman went into space for the first time and the Profumo Affair hit the headlines. The music included Jan and Dean, the Beatles, and the Searchers (r).
11.40 *Open University: Health and Disease*. 12.05 *Genetics*. Ends 12.35am.

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Peter Davison: BBC2, 9.25pm.

8.10 *Worldwide: The Travels of "Pong"*. Nigel Barley intended to do an ethnographic survey of cannibals when he travelled to the remote Indonesian island of Toraja; but after a series of misadventures he decided to bring a group of woodcarvers back to London to build an ornate rice-barn in Piccadilly.
9.00 *MP4: S.H. (b/w)*. The 407th get a chance to air their views about the war on TV (r).
9.25 *A Very Peculiar Practice*. Third of the seven part black comedy starring Peter Davison. A night of mayhem is in store for the campus when the students object to a suggestion to make the university a profit-making organization (Coastal).
10.20 *Up North*. Documentary about Dianne Core, herself a victim of sexual abuse as a child, who, through her charity *Kidwatch*, now zealously investigates cases where she believes authorities have failed. Her methods may be unorthodox but she insists that the child always comes first.
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9.25 *Thames News*.
9.30 *Give Us a Clue*. Celebrity mime game presented by Michael Parkinson. With Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard.
10.00 *Santa Barbara*. 10.25 *ITN News Headlines*.
10.30 *The Place*. The Place from Cardiff discusses the problems of air safety. With Mike Scott.
11.10 *Allsorts*. 11.25 *Thames News*.
11.30 *Woman Writers*. Last in the series focuses on crime writer P. D. James who tries to answer the question: why are middle class women so good at writing about murder?
12.00 *What You Were Here...?* Budget holidays in the French Riviera. Clued by the beautiful model who posed for his recent art purchase; Jenna opens her heart to Bobby; and it's time for Sue Ellen to make a decision.
12.30 *ITN News*.
1.00 *What's My Line? Odd*. Compulsive game presented by Penelope Keith, followed by *Criminologists*.
1.30 *A Country Practice*.
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Lambert Howarth steps up to £2.1m

Lambert Howarth Group, which supplies women's fashion shoes and slippers to Marks and Spencer and makes Custom and Globetrotter luggage, reported pretax profits of £2.1 million in the year to the end of December, a rise of 3.8 per cent compared with the previous year. Turnover was 26.6 per cent ahead at £42 million.

Mr Martin Jourdan, chairman, said the increasing fashion content in shoes had led to pressure on margins. Custom Synthetics, the luggage maker bought last April, contributed £150,000 after financing costs. Interest costs rose to £217,000 from a credit of £12,000. The total dividend was increased by 21.4 per cent to 8.5p, which is covered 3.2 times by earnings.

Marcol rises to £461,000

Marcol, the computer software group in which Smiths Industries has a 10 per cent stake, reported pretax profits of £461,000 for the six months ended December, compared with £404,000. Interim turnover was £3.46 million (£2.31 million) and a maiden interim dividend of 0.73p was declared. Marcol shares, placed at 115p, rose 3p to 96p.

Sinclair plans full listing

William Sinclair Holdings, the plant breeder, seed specialist and garden leisure group, plans to apply for a full Stock Exchange listing. Pretax profit for the half year ended December was £213,000 (£522,000) on a turnover of £8.48 million (£5.59 million). The interim dividend is raised from an adjusted 1.5p to 2p a share. The shares rose 5p to 360p.

Optician raises sights

Miller & Sanshouse, the Liverpool optician, is opening a new outlet every week, a rate of expansion which shows up in profits growth. The six months to end-December have produced doubled pretax profits of £502,000 against £251,000, lifting earnings per share from 3.38p to 6.46p. The interim dividend rises from 0.75p to 1.25p.

The group came to the USM in October 1986 with 22 shops. By the end of last December, it had 54 and today it has 63.

Merivale lifts interim profit

Merivale Moore, the property investment and development company, raised profits before tax from £3.3 million to £3.4 million in the six months to December 31. Turnover was up from £8.8 million to £10.7 million and an interim dividend of 2.25p will be paid. The company is expecting a solid improvement in profits over the rest of the year.

Spong group leaps to £1m

Spong Holdings, the houseware, retail services and clothing group, made pretax profits in the year to the end of October of £1 million compared with £385,000. Sales almost doubled to £20.1 million. Mr Stephen Barclay, the chairman, said the group had started the year with no gearing and a sounder base. The final dividend rose to 0.4p from 0.3p.

Bluebird Toys payout

Christmas sales of award-winning Manta Force toy sets helped lift pretax profits at Mr Torquil Norman's Bluebird Toys group from £1.74 million to £2.49 million in 1987. The USM-quoted company is paying a 6.205p-a-share dividend, against 4.615p last time, out of earnings of 25.2p a share.

Mr Norman reckons children are moving back to more traditional toys, which is particularly good for Peter Pan, the Etch-a-Sketch to Plasticine business acquired for £3.5 million. Bluebird has 3 per cent of the British toy market.

Pentos has designs on the top spot for Dillons stores

Pentos believes store design is the key to successful book-selling. And it is hard to disagree, given the 57 per cent increase in sales after the revamping of Dillons' flagship store in the heart of University of London territory in Bloomsbury.

This leaves Dillons' number one shop vying with Foyles for the title for largest turnover and most profitable bookshop in the world.

The design-led Dillons format has had a successful start in Oxford where Blackwells has traditionally dominated the market.

A new 13,000 sq ft store is selling at an annualized rate of £3 million a year while the neighbouring Blackwells claims not to have noticed the new arrival.

Cambridge has also been earmarked for a new large Dillons, although it may find the competition from Heffers more difficult to break.

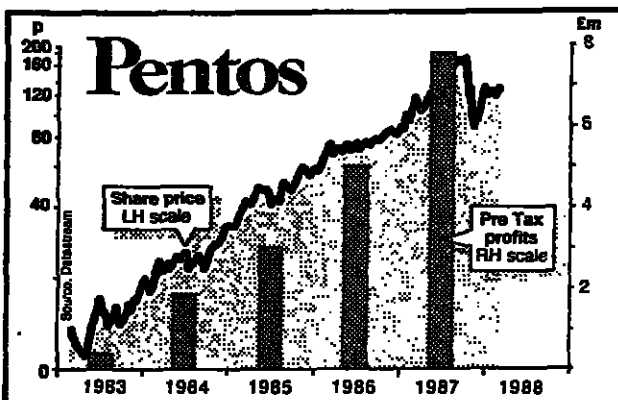
Specialist retailing accounts for 62 per cent of operating profits. It now includes the Ryman stationers and office equipment stores, as well as Dillons and Athena bookshops and Athena galleries.

Ryman made £0.9 million pretax in the four-and-a-half months since acquisition. As a seasonal business, it is expected to double this in a full year. A new design for the 67 Ryman stores is to be unveiled within a few months.

Net sales area, excluding Ryman, increased by 25 per cent to 255,000 square feet last year. Pentos is experimenting with mixed retailing formulae such as including Ryman units within new Dillons stores. It is also developing a broader appeal Athena print and gift chain.

The property development arm, which evolved from the group's retail interests, is now a separate profit centre. Its profits advanced by 40 per cent last year but should return to a more steady 25 per cent growth this year.

The office furniture design and manufacture business increased profits by 50 per cent



last year. It too is expected to grow by 25 per cent this year. New warehousing and manufacturing plant will cost £2 million but will help consolidate the division's improving market position.

Pentos is spending £15 million this year, three quarters of which is on the retail chain. In the medium term the group aims to build up a 600-unit retail chain covering 1 million sq ft of space.

Pentos had a cash surplus after borrowings last year but the capital investment programme will push gearing up. Pentos should make £11 million in 1988, putting the shares on a p/e of 15.4 times. The rating is on the high side, but progress in the specialist retailing market is very promising.

Expamet Int

The usual justification for grouping unrelated businesses under one management roof is that it makes profits less volatile. When one business is doing badly, the others do well.

This is fine in theory. But in practice, such a formula can be a quicksand, as profits are constantly being dragged under by one division or another. The truly excellent year, usually referred to as next year, remains forever out of reach.

Expamet International, with its building, industrial

and security activities, is still struggling to swim free. The building division did badly in 1986, part of the knock-on effect of the bad weather in that year which held back the entire construction industry.

Last year it was the high-flying security division which came a cropper. With engaging candour, the company explains that it experienced nothing more than the normal "glitches" it expects from companies newly taken over. A downturn in profits is only to be expected after the former owners have fattened up their companies for sale.

Three 1986 acquisitions in this division - Maximal, Hoseworth and Video-Scan - chalked up losses of more than £300,000 last year, representing a swing of close to £700,000 compared with what the companies should have been contributing. The net effect was that a 40 per cent jump in security turnover left profits static at £2.5 million.

A combination of new management, cost-cutting, and the benefits of integration, should allow profits from these new subsidiaries to make a strong advance this year. And, undeterred by its experiences, Expamet expects to make acquisitions in the security business in the near future. It is looking to the fragmented US industry, with its long experience in this field, to yield advanced technology which can be transferred to Britain.

Inevitably, shareholders are left wondering which division will let the side down this year. If none does, earnings could advance by 20 per cent, putting the shares on a prospective multiple of around 9.3, a lowly rating which suggests that investors are taking nothing on trust. The dividend is covered just over twice, and the 5.5 per cent gross yield is attractive.

Blagden Industries

Blagden Industries has little wrong with its figures, even though steel drums and form-aldehyde might not prove the most glamorous mix of businesses.

Indeed, the figures look all the better for the slimming diet undertaken during the past year. The market whistled its approval of a 33 per cent leap in pretax profits to £8.02 million by lifting the shares by 4p to 179p.

Under its new management, Blagden is steadily changing its spots.

The old drum business is ex-growth, while plastic packaging - from drums to bottles - and chemicals have been earmarked as the areas for expansion.

In packaging in particular, the big competition is on the Continent. Blagden - which made nearly 80 per cent of its packaging profits across the Channel last year - knows it needs to build on its European operations urgently, if it is to be in the right position when the barriers drop in 1992.

Now that the troubled Spanish operation is back in profit and saleable, while the unwanted Billerica site is finally about to get the planning approval needed for Blagden to pocket its £5 million worth, more acquisitions can be expected.

The shares buy 11.7 times historic earnings. Not exciting, but a comfortable hold.

Beecham jumps 8p on hopes for new heart drug

We should hear some good news later this week from Beecham about Eminase, its new heart drug which has been undergoing stringent medical tests during the past few months.

The group has called a Press conference for Friday at which Beecham's scientists will reveal their findings and the board is expected to outline prospects for the new drug. The meeting will also coincide with publication of a report about the performance of Eminase in the *Lancet*, the medical journal.

The market also caught wind of Friday's meeting and, hoping for a positive outcome, chased the price 8p higher to 485p on turnover of 4.5 million shares.

Eminase has been developed to treat patients who have just suffered a heart attack and could provide keen competition for existing heart drugs like Genentech's TPA in the US. Some details of the tests are already known in the City.

A total of 1,004 patients took part in the tests - half of whom were treated with Eminase. The other patients were treated using standard therapy. The tests covered two periods.

The first was more than 30 days where the survival rate for Eminase was 95 per cent compared with 88 per cent for those treated with standard therapy. The second period covered 360 days producing a survival rate for those suffering a heart attack and treated with the new drug of 91 per cent, while those on standard treatment fell to 81 per cent.

Dealers are hoping these tests mean that Eminase will soon get the green light for distribution among doctors.

share index finished 5.1 points down at 1,457.5.

Gilt-edged stocks had a volatile session, replacing earlier gains of 1/4 with closing losses of 1/4 following Mrs Thatcher's remarks.

Life insurance companies were nervous ahead of Tuesday's Budget on fears that the Chancellor will alter the basis of how the industry is taxed.

Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, is taking a cautious view and telling clients to sell some of their holdings in the sector.

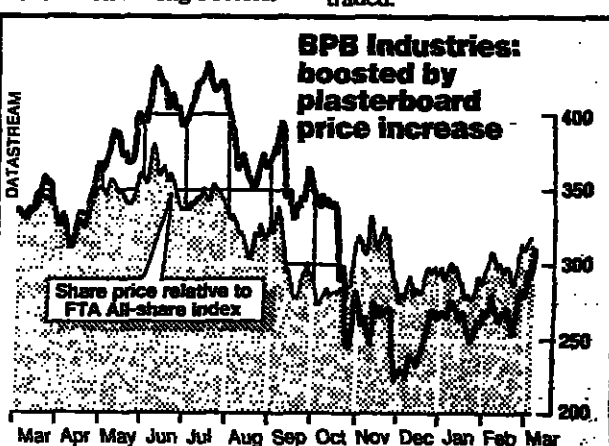
Abbey Life was a casualty, closing 12p down at 262p with more than 1.5 million shares changing hands, while Prudential also came on offer falling 9p to 853p. Legal &

Wellcome, whose drug Retrovir is leading the fight against Aids, continued to respond to this week's World Health Organisation Aids conference at the Barbican. It finished yesterday with a rise of 13p to 489p. Phillips & Drew, the broker, has just made Wellcome its "action stock" of the month.

General retreated 5p to 282p and London & Manchester dropped the same amount to 280p.

Even Pearl, in which Mr Larry Adler's FAI Insurance Group holds a 4.46 per cent stake, was dragged down, finishing 10p cheaper at 457p.

News of a 2.23 per cent increase in the price of plasterboard and other building materials products from April 5 prompted demand for BPB Industries, the Slough-based building materials group. The shares touched 310p before closing 7p higher at 307p as three million shares were traded.



EEC given warning on free trade

By Colin Narborough

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, yesterday said that Europe must achieve an "open and competitive" economy, if it wants to preserve its standard of living in a highly competitive world.

Addressing an American Chamber of Commerce lunch in London, he said that the alternative of protectionism was a "cheap political cop-out".

His comments on protectionism were probably intended to equalise for the American members of the audience, although he made no explicit reference to political pressure in the United States for protectionist measures.

If level playing fields were to be established in the international economy, protectionism had to be discarded, he said. That did not mean a totally unregulated situation, but economies had to be devised that offered incentives.

To remain competitive, the European Economic Community had to keep an eye on the US-Canada free trade area and developments in the Pacific Basin.

The Government had taken the British economy a long way towards the American model by giving the individual more choice. The privatisation programme and the sale of council houses were evidence of the progress made under Mrs Thatcher in freeing up the economy, he said.

Beecham has recently been undergoing a number of changes under Mr Bob Bauman, the \$1 million-a-year chairman of the group. He has pulled together the consumer products division and sold off the unwanted parts of the business.

The group's lack of exposure to the weakened dollar has also endeared it to analysts who rate it a "buy" in times of uncertainty.

It was certainly performing well yesterday against its main

Emotom shares rose above their 350p issue price for the first time yesterday, when its units ended 3p higher at 338p and the warrants closed at 27p. Loose stock left after the flotation has been absorbed, and French and American investors are showing an increased interest.

Elsewhere in the market, the Prime Minister's warning that sterling's strength this week would not force an early reduction in interest rates, saw share prices suffer a late setback.

But selling pressure was light and prices closed off the bottom, helped by an early 16-point rise on Wall Street.

The FT-SE 100 share index, down 9.4 at one stage, eventually closed 3.2 lower at 1,815.0. The narrower FT 30

The price increase is good news for BPB which says demand for its plasterboard is already 10 per cent up this year.

This is in spite of increased competition from Redland, the brick and roofing tile manufacturer, which announced last September that it was going to challenge the group's plasterboard monopoly.

BPB shares have been a firm market on suggestions it was about to diversify by bidding for Marley, the DIY and tiles group.

United Biscuits fell 9p to 261p on turnover 4.4 million shares on suggestions it may be about to pay too much for the Ross Foods and Young Foods subsidiaries of Hanson's Imperial Group.

Pannure Gordon, the broker, says UB is a buy and the shares should outperform if the Ross-Young situation is resolved and the annual figures provide further evidence that the group is about to enjoy stronger earnings growth.

A report in this column yesterday that Elders IXL, the Australian brewer headed by Mr John Elliott, was trying to add to its 2 per cent holding in Scottish & Newcastle, the brewer, prompted further demand for the shares which closed 8.5p higher at 268 1/2p - for a two-day rise of 18.5p.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Perry's sale threat to estate agencies

By Colin Campbell

Perry Group, the motor distributor holding Ford, GM, Volvo and other franchises, will consider selling its 12 estate agencies unless they quickly move into profit, Mr Richard Allan, the chairman, warned yesterday.

Perry's estate agency operations ran up trading losses of £500,000 in the year ended December, compared with an 1986 loss of £36,000.

"If they do not perform to budget by the end of the first quarter - and a small loss is expected, but then they are expected to move into profit - they will have to go," Mr Allan said.

Despite that setback, Perry Group turned in a 28 per cent profit advance in its 1987 financial year, taking pretax profits to £5 million on turnover that rose from £171.4 million to £224.4 million.

A final dividend of 5.3p makes a year's payment of 7.3p (6p).

The shares rose strongly, from 213p to 233p, before settling back at 230p. IEP Securities, a company associated with Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, holds a 10.81 per cent stake in Perry Group.

Higher profits were achieved from all motor-related operations: hire purchase, new and used cars, van and truck sales, and parts.

Perry Group said that while it aims to increase its various motor dealer franchises, which went up from eight to 17 last year, and is hoping to secure an eighth franchise for growth in Britain will soon run out.

The group is, therefore, starting to look for acquisition opportunities in the United States.

£6m bid by Community Hospitals

By Alison Eadie

Community Hospitals, the unquoted British healthcare group, has launched a £6.6 million cash bid for the USM-quoted West Yorkshire Independent Hospitals, which has a 46.9 per cent stake.

The offer is worth 155p a share against a pre-bid price of 133p for West Yorkshire shares. West Yorkshire said yesterday that it was waiting for details of the bid and the board would then meet to decide its response.

Community Hospitals is the largest investor-owned British healthcare group. Its pretax profits in the year to the end of 1987 were £1.2 million against £300,000 the previous year on a turnover of £4.1 million against £2.7 million.

West Yorkshire made pretax profits in the year to the end of June of £709,000, a rise of 16 per cent over the previous year.

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Halifax Building Society aims to issue credit card

By Vivien Goldsmith
The Halifax Building Society is racing to become the first building society to issue its own credit card. Britain's largest building society announced yesterday that it plans to launch a credit card in early summer.

It is in talks with both Visa and Access, but the card will be backed by the Halifax itself and not by an intermediary bank. Before the card is launched, the society will have to ask its members to vote on the issue. The vote will take place at the annual meeting in May.

The question was to be put to Halifax members last year but the society was concerned that card holders might run up debts of more than £5,000 — the limit on unsecured lending imposed on all building societies.

A special order went before Parliament at the end of last year to free societies from the worry of inadvertently breaching their lending rules. It is now proposed to lift building societies' unsecured lending limit to £10,000.

The Abbey National Building Society, the second largest society, already has permission from its members to go ahead and launch a Visa credit card, but it has not pursued the issue.

Leeds Permanent received permission from its members to issue a Visa card in January.

The Halifax is dedicated to developing plastic money systems and is set against developing its existing cheque account. In June it became one of the first building societies to join Bankers Automated Clearing Services and later became the first non-bank member of Eftpos, the automatic point-of-sale payments system which also eliminates the need to write cheques.

The Halifax has unveiled annual results that show the



Facing competition: Halifax chief executive John Spalding (centre), with Richard Hornby (left) and chief executive-elect Jim Birrell

battering the building societies have taken in the face of greater competition from the banks on mortgages.

The amount advanced on mortgages edged up by just 2 per cent to £7,310 million, compared with a leap of more than 25 per cent in the previous year. The number of new mortgages fell from the 1986 peak of 271,000 to 224,000.

The number of loans to first-time buyers declined from 110,000 to 88,000 — its lowest level for three years.

The Halifax maintains that it has kept its 20 per cent share of the building society mortgage market.

Mr Richard Hornby, the Halifax chairman, said: "With more players in the mortgage market it was not surprising that the building society share

of lending dipped in 1987. So in June and July we at the Halifax took positive steps to reduce our mortgage rates and regain our competitive position. The benefits showed through in the second half of the year."

●The Mortgage Corporation announced yesterday that its total lending has reached £1 billion in the 23 months since it was launched.

Dares in 582% leap to £5.1m

By Cliff Feltham

Dares Estates, the fast-growing property company, turned in sharply higher profits last year, and the board is taking an optimistic view of prospects.

For last year, pretax profits went up from £750,000 to £5.1 million — an increase of 582 per cent. Earnings per share rose from 0.54p to 2.12p.

Mr Ervin Landan, the chairman, said the company is confident about the future, despite last October's market crash, and has entered into a number of new commercial and residential projects costing £32 million.

Contributions from these schemes are expected to flow through in 1989 and 1990.

During the year, gross rental income rose from £1.1 million to £2.8 million.

The company is paying a final dividend of 0.4p, making a total of 0.5p for the year.

Meanwhile, another property company, City Merchant Developers — which plans a £90 million merger with Imry International — yesterday reported pretax profit for last year of £3.7 million, compared with a loss of £149,000 in the previous year. The improvement reflects the takeover of Mayfair and City Properties.

Professional managers are still suffering the lemming instinct, and they went

COMMENT David Brewerton No more holidays for pensions lemmings

Pension fund holidays, which have boosted cashflows and profits of many companies operating in the heartland of industry, will be a feature of the past, if markets have another year like 1987. For the first time in a decade, the return on pension funds lagged behind the increase in average earnings. Another year of 3.4 per cent investment returns against earnings increases of more than double that will leave employers dipping into their pockets more deeply than they have grown accustomed to doing.

Black Monday sorted the men from the boys in the pension fund management area. The first of the major surveys on pension fund performance during 1987 disclosed an unprecedentedly wide variation between the good and the bad, or perhaps the lucky and the unlucky.

At the rough end of the scale, the lowest quartile produced a negative return, or overall loss, of 13.9 per cent on capital during the year. At the top end, the rate of return was a spectacular 40 per cent. At the worst end, the performance was the poorest in 10 years, but at the top the return has been bettered only three years in the last decade. Both the median and average results, at a positive return of 3 per cent and 3.4 per cent respectively, are miserable.

Professional managers are still suffering the lemming instinct, and they went

over the cliff on October 19 virtually fully invested and with a record exposure to equities. Needless to say, their performance as a whole was substantially worse than the return on the FT All Share.

Brought to account

The job of sponsor to a new issue is to spruce up private companies for public consumption. The changes demanded may range from ceasing to run the family yacht on the business account to radical personnel changes. But in doing battle with the client, the relationship can come under such severe strain that the client goes off in search of a new sponsor in mid-issue. So clients come and clients go, in a way that is unknown in the auditing business. Firing your sponsor, usually a merchant bank, goes unreported. But firing your auditor creates big public relations problems.

It is strange, therefore, that accountants should want to sponsor new issues for their audit clients — such as Ernst & Whinney's sponsorship of Second Secured Property Development's shares.

Do the accountants really want to put at risk the regular annual income from the audit fee for the feast and famine of new issues? And might it not be difficult for a firm to report as independent auditor to the very shareholders it persuaded to invest in the company?

Contracts for roads lift Green

Ernest Green and Partners, the structural and civil engineering company, revealed pretax profits up by a quarter to £947,000 at the half-year stage. Turnover was up 55 per cent to £3.6 million.

The interim dividend was raised from 1.5p to 1.75p net. Shares rose 5p to 208p.

The company said that while structural engineering remained its main activity, civil engineering is accounting for an increasing proportion of turnover. It has completed 16 road design projects, including three road bridges.

Green's Bristol office, which opened last year, is making a material profit contribution, and two further regional offices will be established over the next few months.

TI Group eyes its lost love

Ever since October, TI Group has been staring moodily across the Atlantic at its lost love, Bundy, the small diameter tubing maker. TI called off the takeover of Bundy in the aftermath of Black Monday, because of the uncertainty after the market collapse. Now it has agreed terms again, and for the second time, TI Group's shareholders are to be called to a meeting to approve the purchase.

TI's final giving into the temptation to buy was prompted by Bundy's results for the two quarters which ended in January. Despite the market crash, Bundy, which sells half its turnover into the automotive industry, has been zipping along, with profits emerging far higher than had been expected. Earnings for the 12 months to January are 20 per cent higher than earnings for the 12 months to July.

The collapse of share prices has not, however, allowed TI to buy any more cheaply. It had been expected, by the City if not by TI itself, that TI would be able to buy at a lower level, but in fact

the price has gone up rather than down. The base agreement of \$40 a share remains, but Bundy will be paying to its outgoing shareholders dividends totalling \$3 a share "in recognition of Bundy's better than expected performance".

The point is that the performance is better than was expected when the deal was negotiated before the crash, which raises some questions about the reliability of the forecasts. But at least the weakening of the dollar has reduced the sterling price by some £10 million, allowing some room for upsides. TI also has the comfort of \$200 million of proceeds from the sale of unwanted parts of the Houdaille business earlier this year.

TI's results are due tomorrow, and analysts are expecting pretax profits of £60 million for 1987, double the level of only two years earlier. The company has shed its old image and has a rating which reflects all that has been achieved. It can afford no mistakes.

Michael Peters up 70% at half time

By Alison Eadie

Michael Peters, the USM-quoted marketing services consultancy, made pretax profits in the six months to December 31 of £530,000, a rise of 70 per cent, on turnover 49 per cent higher at £7.5 million.

Clear progress has been made in all areas of activity, particularly in the corporate communications and retail divisions, Mr Michael Peters, the chairman, said.

The company is well ahead with the merger of the recent acquisitions of Hambrecht Terrell International in New York and Spectrum in Lon-

GWR switches on for USM debut

By Michael Clark, Stock Market Correspondent

GWR Group, the West Country independent radio group, which was the subject of a merger last year between Wiltshire Radio, Radio West and Plymouth Sound, starts trading on the USM on Monday.

Stock Beech, the stockbroker, has arranged an introduction of the shares at 225p each, valuing the company at £3.3 million. The group has 200 shareholders, including Aspen Communications with 23.4 per cent, and Bristol United Press with 6.9 per cent.

GWR covers three potential areas designated by the Independent Broadcasting Author-

ity — Bristol and Bath, Swindon/West Wiltshire and Plymouth and south-east Cornwall. Its presenters include David "Kid" Jensen and David Hamilton and it has a potential audience of 2.1 million.

Last year it increased pretax profits for the year to September 30, from £99,111 to £415,972.

GWR hopes to use its public listing to obtain other independent radio franchises and is looking to compete in the allocation of national independent radio franchises.

Leigh Interests makes £9.7m cash call

By Carol Ferguson

Leigh Interests, the waste disposal specialist, is asking its shareholders for £9.7 million by way of a 1-for-4 rights issue at 165p a share.

Leigh's directors also forecast that pretax profits for the group will rise by at least 62 per cent for the year to the end of this month, to not less than £4 million.

Leigh is raising the money to invest in its continuing

businesses and to make acquisitions. Over the last year, the group has made 15 acquisitions for a total £5.7 million paid for partly in cash and partly in shares.

It is now in negotiation with a number of potential acquisitions, and the board wants to increase its flexibility through having the resources to pay cash.

Leigh also plans to spend £3.9 million next year on modernizing its waste handling equipment as part of its drive to increase efficiency. In the short term, the proceeds of the rights issue will eliminate group debt of £7.4 million.

Mr Bill Pybus, Leigh's chairman, said that the profits growth of 62 per cent over last year's result reflects a continuing healthy trend. "A great deal of rationalization is taking place within the UK waste disposal industry," he said. "The rights

issue will enable us both to broaden our range of environmental activities, further increase our geographical spread and continue our programme of additions to and replacement of capital equipment."

Leigh's activities include the collection, treatment, recovery, recycling, containment and disposal of waste and effluent materials, and its acquisition strategy is designed to broaden the range of its activities.

Fired up without smoke

Peter Mead will be biting his fingernails today — and not just because his advertising agency, Abbott Mead Vickers, is reporting its year-end results. Such announcements from the hotshot agency are traditionally nothing but happy occasions — but today will be different. For, purely by chance, it coincides with National No Smoking Day, and even though AMV is renowned for refusing to handle any accounts associated with cigarettes, South Africa or nuclear fuels, Mead, aged 48, admits that he is a 40-a-day man. "I've been smoking since I was 16," he tells me. "I've tried to give up in the past but I'd do it put on at least a couple of stone — and it's difficult to know which is worse." Mead, the only one of the three founders who smokes, insists that he will, however, manage to do without the dreaded weed for at least 24 hours. AMV is, after all, responsible for the Health and Education Authority's £275,000 campaign. "We're having the analysts' meeting especially early, so that my withdrawal symptoms won't be too pronounced, and we will be putting out the normal quota of ashtrays for journalists, although they will have to watch our anti-smoking ads first," he tells me. Last year, 2.5 million of Britain's 16 million smokers gave up for the course of National No Smoking Day, and 30,000, it appears, say they managed to stop for good.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY Fun, love and money

The heart-throb of Smith New Court is it seems, Peter Kearney, head of the firm's small-order department. His contribution of £100 to the Wishing Well appeal of The Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street was the largest single donation to come from the firm's romantic leap year fundraising enterprise. Bringing the Smith New Court total to £1,250 — with male colleagues suffering a £1 penalty for every rebuffed proposal and £5 for those

accepted — caddy Kearney gallantly agreed to quadruple his departmental total of £25. The highly paid market-makers and equity salesmen were almost as generous, but one or two Scrooges were to be found wearing badges saying they had already given a pound. Those responsible for collecting the money, however, counted no fewer than 200 £5 notes, indicating, it is estimated, one company wedding every weekend for the next four years.

Keeping tabs

With Marks and Spencer still hoping that its £70 million purchase of Brooks Brothers, the preppy US menswear chain, will go through, Barry



"Never thought the chairman would ever swap his Rolls for a rover"

Hyman, an M&S public affairs executive, was seen at the recent launch of the group's new home furnishing catalogue sporting a light blue shirt with a button-down collar. "This is not a Brooks Brothers shirt," he was heard to say, "but one of ours."

Thanks, but...

Headhunters hoping to add the scalp of Peter Leslie, deputy chairman of Barclays Bank, to their belts had better think again. Although Leslie will be giving up his job as managing director of the bank, he still has an important role, as deputy to chairman John Quinlan. I hear Leslie returned from Japan last week, where he fronted a series of investor roadshows, to a mountain of letters from people concerned about his future. But I can assure them that this banker is not for hire.

Tough at the top

David Ruder, chairman of America's Securities and Exchange Commission, is philosophical about the perils of being a regulator in the wake of the City campaign against Sir Kenneth Barrill, his British counterpart. "I don't expect to be unpopular, but I don't take this job to be popular and I don't care too much if I'm not," he told me yesterday at his Mayfair hotel. Ruder, in London for a private conference today about improving the clearing and settlement of securities deals, says the interest in co-ordinating regulation between the different markets has risen sharply since Black Monday. There is, he reveals, even a club of regulators called the International Organization of Securities Commissions, which discusses everything from disclosure to protection against fraud and manipulation. On the latter he assures me that there will soon be more revelations in New York about current insider-dealing investigations. But he is far too discreet to say whether or not these will spill across the Atlantic.

●No, it is not yet All Fool's Day. And yes, Geest, the fruit importer, really has appointed one Tony Slipper as managing director of its banana activities. The news raised so many eyebrows in the City yesterday that the Stock Exchange announcements department contacted the company to check that it was for real. Slipper joins the company from Cadbury Schweppes.

Carol Leonard

DIAMOND SERVICE

WHO HAS THE MOST WEEKDAY FLIGHTS TO AMSTERDAM?

It isn't British Airways. It isn't KLM. It's British Midland. From 28th March we have 16 flights between Heathrow and Amsterdam every working day, including the first one in and the last one out.

Which means our schedule will fit your schedule.

And every BM flight to and from Amsterdam is Diamond Service. Which means you get the full Business Class treatment.

If you fly to Amsterdam, you know which airline means business.

LHR	AMS	AMS	LHR
07.00	09.00	07.25	07.25
08.15	10.15	09.30	09.30
11.00	13.00	11.30	11.30
12.15	14.15	13.30	13.30
14.15	16.15	15.30	15.30
16.15	18.15	17.30	17.30
18.15	20.15	19.30	19.30
20.15	22.15	21.00	21.00



THE MOST WEEKDAY FLIGHTS BETWEEN HEATHROW AND AMSTERDAM.

BRITISH MIDLAND



The Touche Ross Guide to Business Responsiveness:

17. Taking the long view of things.

Short-term profitability is every company's target. But no company will grow if all it sees is two inches in front of its nose.

You must take the long view.

Racal Group know this only too well, and in the new, fast-growing cellular telephone market, they asked Touche Ross to help them plan.

Racal-Vodafone's operating licence restricts it to providing airtime only. Equipment and other customer services are provided by 30-odd Service Providers—including Racal-Vodac.

Racal's concern was for their future. Could these im-

portant suppliers stay financially healthy as the call for more airtime increased? And how could they check their efficiency when there were so few industry yardsticks?

Enter Touche Ross, to produce a performance model against which all service providers could measure themselves.

PC-based, it enables them to feed in volumes and get a print-out with key statistics – so they can identify their own strengths and weaknesses in terms of costs and revenues, numbers employed, cash flow, return on capital and so on.

Thus better-informed, these service providers are now better-armed to take all-important management decisions for

their future. And, we'll admit, the continuing growth of Racal's new market.

Looking outwards is something we do for every client, in one form or another. Why not get in touch?

Please telephone or write to Geoffrey Parker at our London office. You'll find us very responsive to the business problems you face.

For the sure touch, get in Touche.

Touche Ross

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UNLISTED SECURITIES FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator

From your Portfolio gold card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your daily or weekly share price movements. If it is overall total and check this against the overall total or better this figure you have won outright or a share of the daily or weekly prize money stated. If you win, follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. Always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or Loss
1	Sainsbury (sa)	Drugs/Stores	
2	Devinish (JA)	Breweries	
3	BSR	Electronics	
4	Bromsgrove Inds	Industrials A-D	
5	Cambridge Elec	Electronics	
6	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
7	Raymond Williams	Building Roads	
8	Britannia Security	Electronics	
9	Wilton (Comedy)	Building Roads	
10	Urd Scientific	Electronics	
11	GT Management	Financial Trusts	
12	Kleinwort Benson	Bank/Discount	
13	Morgan Grenfell	Bank/Discount	
14	Atlantic Comp	Electronics	
15	Barratt Devs	Building Roads	
16	Berkley Gp	Building Roads	
17	AB Food (sa)	Food	
18	Russell Foods	Food	
19	Kennedy Smokes	Hotels/Caterers	
20	Ham & Hill	Building Roads	
21	Johnstone & Hill	Industrials E-K	
22	Fisons (sa)	Industrials E-K	
23	Lowell (VI)	Building Roads	
24	BPE Ind (sa)	Building Roads	
25	Triplex Lloyd	Industrials S-Z	
26	Brown Shipley	Bank/Discount	
27	Elved	Industrials E-K	
28	Sureliffe Speakman	Chemicals/Plas	
29	Ryl Bk Scot (sa)	Bank/Discount	
30	Br Aerospace (sa)	Motor/Aircraft	
31	Shagden	Chemicals/Plas	
32	AIM	Industrials A-D	
33	Holmes Pro	Industrials E-K	
34	Taylor Woodrow	Building Roads	
35	Wolstenholme Rink	Chemicals/Plas	
36	Gleaves	Industrials E-K	
37	Loe & Edin Tst	Property	
38	Cluttons Gp (sa)	Drugs/Stores	
39	James N	Industrials A-D	
40	Joseph (Leopold)	Bank/Discount	
41	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
42	Windmoor	Drugs/Stores	
43	Gleason (MU)	Building Roads	
44	Hall (M)	Industrials E-K	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

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BRITISH FUNDS

1987/88	High	Low	Stock	Price	Change	%	P/E
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SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1987/88	High	Low	Stock	Price	Change	%	P/E
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FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

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MEDIA & MARKETING

The lesson of 'junk' mail

OPINION

This week the people who create direct mail are spending three days at an annual conference and exhibition trying to find out how to improve the material they are putting through people's letter boxes. Unfortunately, when they say "improve" they will almost certainly mean "increase". More direct mail is going to be dispatched to people who are already irritated by the torrents of unsolicited material.

Those who work in the business insist on calling it direct mail. However you only have to read the letters column in this newspaper to find that consumers complain about it and prefer to call it junk.

To make matters worse, the Post Office is trying to persuade advertisers to spend more of their budgets on direct mail, using statistics to prove that it is becoming cheaper to advertise this way rather than use TV or press advertising. For instance, they say the cost of direct mail has risen more slowly than television and press.

Only last week they revealed that in 1987 they handled 1,628 million pieces of direct mail and that direct mail's share of the national advertising expenditure has now reached 10 per cent. If you think you received more than your fair share of this it is because you are a reader of *The Times* and, in advertising jargon, an AB. As such you will receive more than Mr Average and your household will receive two items of direct mail every week. It may seem more than this though, especially if you have ever purchased anything through the post in the past. By doing so you have become a mail order buyer and your name will be used more frequently.

The industry is growing and because it is happening so quickly there are not enough people who really know about the business to serve the advertisers who want to use it. Five years ago only two out of the top 20 ad-

vertising agencies had a direct marketing department. Today all of them will claim that they have some direct mail expertise. Unfortunately, this is often not enough.

At a recent conference the Direct Mail Sales Bureau, an organization funded by the Post Office and the direct mail industry, announced that research showed that 83 per cent of people opened direct mail envelopes and 66 per cent of people read the messages inside. These statistics were used to prove that since most of the envelopes were opened and read, people liked the stuff. Surely, it just proves that you have got to open the envelope before you can decide that it is junk and should be thrown away. The qualitative research that accompanied these statistics showed that attitudes to what is sometimes called letterbox advertising is negative, particularly from companies with which the reader has had no contact with before.

Advertisers ought to improve the quality of their direct mail rather than concentrate on the quantity. They should target it carefully and not indiscriminately. They should take note of the growing dissatisfaction with junk and to create direct mail packages that people will enjoy receiving and replying to.

Direct mail is different from other forms of advertising, in that one tawdry piece of mail can discourage recipients from opening other envelopes. However press and television ads that are poor do not detract from their rivals in the same way. TV advertising managers to sell a lot of products and at the same time most of it entertains. Advertisers and agencies have learnt that a poorly produced campaign will damage sales. Junk mailers need to learn the same lesson.

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Advertisers are demanding quality paper. Andrew Lycett reports how the industry is meeting the challenge

Paper is the latest element in publishing to crumple before new technology. Advances in printing, particularly speed, require better quality paper. With Britain's advertising boom showing little sign of abating, companies are demanding improved reproduction in their promotional material — from full colour advertisements in up-market magazines to glossy corporate literature, such as annual reports.

Paper manufacturers, delighted to diversify out of basic newsprint production, are responding with extravagant campaigns aimed to encourage designers and printers to specify their premium products. For making quality paper, with its different weights and finishes, is not only technically challenging but also potentially lucrative.

A top grade two-side coated art paper can cost up to £1,400 a tonne, compared with £425 for newsprint. Tom Wilding, boss of UK Paper, says: "The business is about adding

value to the basic wood pulp used in paper. Instead of a paper being almost 100 per cent pulp, as in newsprint, ours may be only 60 per cent."

UK Paper is Britain's leading quality paper manufacturer. Its main mills at Donside, near Aberdeen, and Slittingbourne in Kent, supply over a fifth of our one and two-side coated papers.

Next week the company is floated on the Stock Exchange. As Brewster UK, back in the 1960s, it operated as many as 16 newsprint machines. But British newsprint manufacturers could not compete with Scandinavian imports. By the early 1970s the company was badly run

down. It started replacing newsprint capacity, spending over £50 million during the past five years moving, as its flotation document puts it, "into higher margin printing and packaging papers." In 1986 Wilding led a management buy-out — the same year that his family firm,

Wilding Office Equipment, also went public.

UK Paper's top grade paper is the two-side coated Consort Royal, made at Donside in eight weights from 115 to 270 grams. Over 50 grams of that may be a coating of pigment, largely china clay. Laser units scan the production process to ensure the exact mixture of fibres needed to give the paper rigidity — important for smooth runs through fast offset presses.

Jan Lakin, managing director of Donside, says Consort Royal — used by IPC on covers of *Country Life* — allows printers to "spot varnish, get

higher contrast and put as many as 12 colours on a page."

Over the past year UK Paper has been promoting Consort Royal heavily in these terms. "We're trying to make people aware of what can be done with paper and print," says Lakin.

This week Consort Royal won the Advertising Creative Circle's Gold Award for "best use of unusual media to achieve an advertising message". In November Donside sponsors the first National Graphic Design Awards. There is one catch — work must be submitted on Consort Royal.

Donside reserve 15 per cent of its production runs for the Hi-Speed Opal and Diamond ranges it makes for rival Wiggins Teape, which prefers to concentrate on such specialities as carbonless papers.

Wiggins Teape has surpassed even Donside in promoting Opal and Diamond, launched last October. It broke a vase, sent a piece to seven top illustrators, asked them to paint on it, photographed the results and printed them in a glossy booklet — one design to each page of a different weight of paper. The booklet was then sent out to potential buyers. Neal Courtney, product manager, says the idea of relating surface texture to ceramics was intended specifically to appeal to designers. Despite a six-figure price tag, the campaign was worth it. "We're already at almost our three-year targeted sales," he says contentedly.



Posh pottery: In a bid to sell quality papers, companies are using top illustrators. Wiggins Teape commissioned several artists to paint fragments of a broken jug. On the left is by Jack Pearce; right by Graham Evernden

A matter of 'residuals'

US TV dispute could benefit British writers

The 1,800 members of the Writers' Guild of Great Britain will shortly receive insurance policies not to sign contracts with American producers in the wake of the US strike which led to picketing in Hollywood yesterday.

Walter Jeffrey, General Secretary of the British Guild, said that should the American strike be prolonged, affecting 9,000 members there, "US companies will look for substitute film and TV writers in the English-speaking world, starting here. We don't want our members breaking the strike by doing work that would otherwise be undertaken by colleagues in the USA."

The US strike centres on the issue of "residuals" — payments for films that are sub-

sequently shown on TV or shows later sold to foreign companies or broadcast on cable.

"American agreements are extremely detailed and notoriously tough to negotiate with as many as 90 people participating," Jeffrey added. But the question of "residuals" grows more complex both for freelance writers and those on the staff of broadcasting companies. John Foster, broadcasting organiser of the NUJ, said "Until recently, external services aside, 98 per cent of broadcasting here was

to do with UK only so we didn't consider residual payments."

"But after BBC 1 and 2 began selling material to cable companies in Scandinavia the secretary of the Norwegian journalists' union asked about our arrangements for collecting copyright, and we had to say there weren't any." He told us "you're stupid — this must be worth a million a year to your members."

The NUJ are now concentrating on broadcasting copyright and "generally, companies selling their material internationally accept the principle for freelancers, though not staff members," Foster said. "But there's still a long way to go."

David Leitch

Starting early

Finding out what life's like as a trainee reporter

The judges are drawn from the management of Times Newspapers.

Using the school computers, pupils word process stories in a column format, paste them up and photocopy the pages. Some schools invite local journalists to visit before the competition to explain the intricacies of techniques, such as writing headlines.

"The standards really are astonishingly high," said Gordon Jones, Chief Executive of

TINS. "And they get better each year."

On occasion, stories generated by the competition have appeared in "real" newspapers. "We arranged for one girl, aged 12, to telephone Sir Peter Saunders, the impressive responsible for *The Mirror*," said Mr Jones. "She thought up a question about the play that he had never been asked before, which produced a story taken up by the national press."

The winners get tea at the Waldorf plus a token prize: last year it was a plaque of the first front page of *The Times* produced at Wapping. The winners of the under-15 section receive an added treat. They become next year's agency staff, receiving an early initiation into the joys and trials of life as a news agency reporter.

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MEDIA & MARKETING

Best of sellers

Which ads have made it in the market place?

The advertising industry has long been weary of the charge that its most creative campaigns do not create the most sales. Now the IPA, the agency-funded voice of the industry — is looking for ammunition to deflect the criticism.

Next week it will run the second in a series of advertisements in the national and marketing press designed to attract entries for its Effectiveness Awards, an eight-year-old scheme which commands campaigns solely on the basis of their ability to generate sales. "Will BBH win their first award this year?" asks the headline. Bartle Bogle Hegarty — most famous for turning the laundrette into a glamour venue with its commercials for Levi 501s — was, until recently, not an IPA member and was, therefore, not eligible to enter the Effectiveness Awards.

"We don't want to encourage the feeling that these are dull, bureaucratic awards," explained Hamish Pringle, managing director of Madell Wilmot Pringle, the agency behind the IPA's campaign. "We want to make sure that the good creative campaigns are written up into case histories and entered."

Another reason for running the campaign — which continues until June 27 — is to coax more advertisers into divulging the closely-guarded sales data necessary for their agency to prove the effectiveness of a campaign.

When the IPA launched the scheme in 1980, the industry responded enthusiastically with 80 entries. In subsequent years the numbers have fallen to between 50 and 60, but the quality of the analysis is said to have improved. According to Pringle, an estimated 15 per cent of entries use computers to separate the effect of advertising from the host of other factors which might have influenced sales.

Carys Bowen-Jones

A guru among mag men

David Housham meets Haymarket's new editorial director

Clive Irving is not a well man. "I've been reinfected by the magazine bug," he admits. It is an infection that is not being fought but cultivated in his new job as editorial director of the trade magazines giant, Haymarket Publishing, whose flagships are *Campaign* and *Management Today*.

In the '60s, Irving's ideas created waves in newspaper and magazine publishing — including the Communications Column in *The Times* of 20 years ago. "Clive was the whizz kid of Fleet Street," remembers former fellow flyer, Ron Hall.

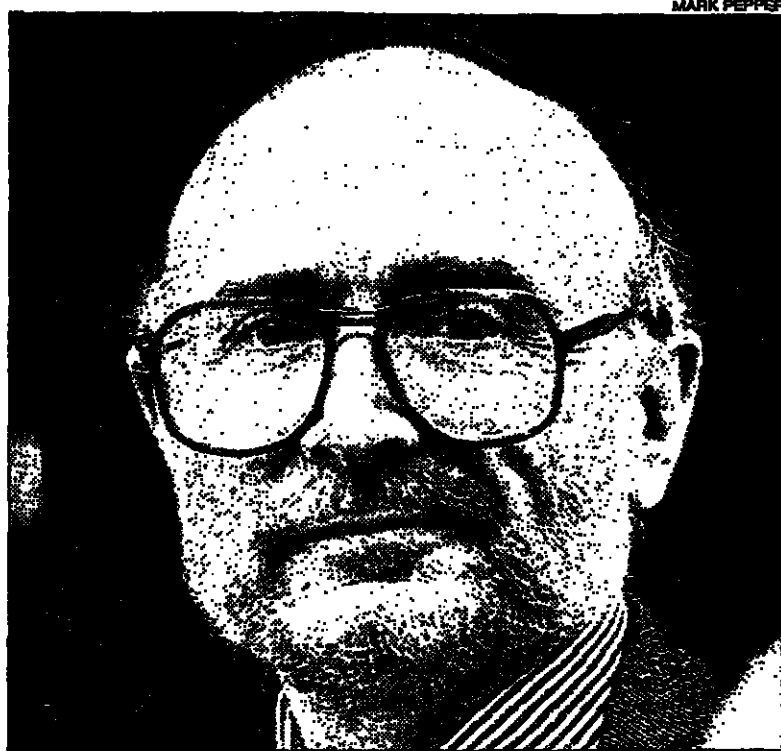
With successful re-launches of *Management Today* and *Marketing* under its belt, and the reinforcement of the ad-person's oracle, *Campaign*, Haymarket looks ready for some new runners to add to its stable of more than 40 titles.

Irving's return after almost a decade in America, latterly at Condé Nast, might suggest an upcoming canter by Haymarket into the consumer glossies arena to beef-up its rather humdrum motoring, hi-fi and camping titles.

But three weeks into his new role he prefers to emphasize the editorial quality of *Management Today* and *Campaign*, and talks about the potential for expansion (possibly into Europe). He says: "*Campaign* has always been a training ground for good journalists who leave it for newspapers. I want to create an atmosphere in which people will see their careers here on a longer term basis. After eight years' absence I'm struck by how much more competitive the media world, particularly the magazine world, is in Britain compared to New York."

"Europe is much more like one market and that makes America seem like a more insular, protective place. I think the presence here of publishers like Gruner and Jahr is a good thing — the Europeans are upgrading our standards, bringing higher production values and more sophisticated editorial to our women's magazines."

Irving says it was the sophisticated house style at Haymarket, chiefly due to design director, Roland Schenk, that drew him there. "The Euro-invasion is a sign that there are no fixed boundaries between European countries, as is the coming of satellite TV. The rules are being redrawn and there are exciting years ahead."



The incurable: "The pattern is that I always stop if I find I repeat myself"

'The rules are being redrawn, we face some exciting years'

Moving on from a discussion about *Management Today* ("It should now start considering the life of the businessman in the round") and confessing to top-of-the-head rumination, he adds: "There should be a blurring between traditional trade and consumer magazine thinking. I'm just working it out now; I don't know what the implications are. I don't accept narrow terms, it's not the way I work."

Irving has an extraordinary track record. At the turn of the '60s he moved from the features editorship of the *Daily Express* to helping Mark Boxer create *The Sunday Times* colour supplement, then to the editorship of Michael Heseltine's short-lived but influential *Topic* magazine, and then back to *The Sunday Times* to set up Insight with Ron Hall and Jeremy Wallington.

"Clive would have become editor of *The Sunday Times* after Denis Hamilton," says Hall, "but he was poached

by Hugh Cudlipp". In 1965 he became the executive editor of all IPC magazines, then in 1966 helped in the successful franchise bid that established London Weekend Television.

Irving's next turn was into that now familiar mediand creature, the publishing consultant. He took part in crucial developments at the *Radio Times* (Geoffrey Cannon-era) and *TV Times* and worked on various American magazines and ventures, partly with former *New York Magazine* proprietor, Clay Felker.

Finally forsaking magazines, he moved to Long Island eight years ago to write novels and film scripts for David Puttnam which, alas, remained scripts. A chance meeting in a New York street with Harold Evans got Irving re-exposed irresistibly to the magazine bug two years ago. He has helped Evans launch *Traveler* from

the ashes of *Signature*, a magazine that had been distributed to 700,000 Diner's Club members in the States and which Condé Nast bought from the bank, Citicorp, for \$25 million. Under the Evans' motto, "Truth in travel", they aimed to bring the most opulent production standards and lavish editorial budgets (no freebies to be accepted) to "one of the most corrupt areas of journalism".

After half a dozen issues of credible, top-notch travel journalism, *Traveler* has a circulation of 900,000, biased towards women, and as planned is not wholly dependant on travel-related advertising — 60 per cent of the ads being placed by the usual luxury brands of perfume, cars, etc.

Irving thinks that American publishing idioms cannot be transferred to Britain as successfully as European ones, such as *Elle*. But he does believe that American companies' willingness to spend big editorial money on buying quality readerships is an example that should be followed here.

He says: "Americans understand that it takes a large initial investment and at least three years, usually a lot longer, before you see profit. You need capital, nerve and confidence in editorial."

It drives him crazy that the British are so quick to buy buy good ideas — he cites the first up-market *Today* (he worked on some dummies) and the *London Daily News*.

"What's missing here is the editorial patronage of *Time*, *The New Yorker*, *Spy Magazine* — that editorial culture. We used to have it here in newspapers, that level of finesse, when people could spend a lot of time on one story."

A slight reticence betrays that Irving, at 55, doesn't want to get too nostalgic about the days of Boxer, Armstrong-Jones, Bailey and Frost. "It doesn't embarrass me any more than anyone's youth should embarrass them. It was a wonderful time to be young, all the restrictions were lifted, but I wouldn't want to repeat any of the things I did then. The pattern to my career is that I always stop if I find I'm repeating myself."

Predictably, his newly-raging magazine virus is of a glossy strain. "Magazines like *The Face* and *Blitz* have created their own language," he muses. "People who read *The Face* when it started are now older, they're working and earning lots of money. What magazines do they want when they're 30? Do they feel other magazines have fallen behind what they've achieved...?"

BYLINES

Bowes aquiver

Despite deep scepticism among newspaper analysts, Roger Bowes, former chief executive at both Mirror Group and Express Newspapers, is bullish about his new regional morning paper.

Details of *North West Times* — a kind of latter day *Manchester Guardian* — are due to be unveiled after the Budget. Bowes plans an independent quality paper with a circulation of 60,000, 50 journalists and £2 million capital.

But even the most successful regional morning piggy-back on a local evening paper, says consultant Harold Lind, who foresees cash-flow problems while the paper builds up classified ad revenue. "Two million pounds is not enough," he says, "it strikes me as ludicrous".

"It's probably just viable," says Brouwen Maddox of Kleinwort Greaveson, "but you'd have to sacrifice editorial quality."

Unabashed, Bowes says costs will be cut by contracting out printing and distribution, and thinks advertisers will welcome a cheap alternative to the nationals. "People will have to rely on my record and my knowledge of the business."

Whose tops?

What do you need to make the row of four heads at the top of the *Guardian's* new front page? The answer, to judge from the first 22 editions of the new look, is to be a male politician (16 out of 88) or a sportsman (nine). There have been twice as many men as women — but reassurance that the paper has not shed all its traditional values comes in the lack of interest in figures from business and the City. There have been three.

Maker million

One man who should do well out of Owen Oyston's imminent return to the chairmanship of Red Rose Radio is chief executive David Maker, who does not see eye to eye with the former chairman of *News on Sunday*. Oyston has mounted a share offer which values Red Rose at £15 million. Boxer, 60,000 voting shares and 270,000 non-voting are worth just over £400,000 at the offer price, and he has options over a further 270,000. That, and a golden handshake, could make him the first millionaire out of commercial radio.

Soaps clean

The recently-appointed Bishop of Oxford, Richard Harries, is concerned about the moral impact of soaps. He organized a two-day conference last week at Cumberland Lodge, in the middle of Windsor Great Park, where Alan Plater, Melvyn Bragg and Katharine Whitehorn

talked on such issues as "Soap operas — reality or illusion". They decided soaps help people to talk about their own problems by reference to those suffered in *Coronation Street* and *EastEnders*.

Soft selling

Although many viewers, and not a few commercials-makers, are convinced the ads are louder than the programmes, the IBA and the ITV companies say they aren't, because the IBA rule is that they shouldn't be. Sometimes it's caused by "compression" (putting the sound through a machine which makes the quiet bits louder and the loud bits quieter), sometimes by producers fearful clients will complain if there are quiet bits in their ads, sometimes by the sheer speed at which the viewer is bombarded.

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Michael Grade may have axed Channel 4's children's programmes and Mavis Nicholson, but one daytime programme he does seem to approve of is *Business Daily*, now contracted until July 1990... *Carlton Magazines* is to test-market a new monthly "how-to" women's title, *Notions*, later this year as a rival to *Prima* and *Essentials*... Virgin plans to offer independent radio stations a networked overnight pop service... *The International Herald Tribune* is contemplating a weekly international TV programme analysing world news...

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A Health Magazine from Which?

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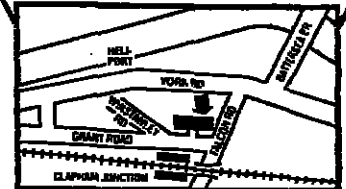
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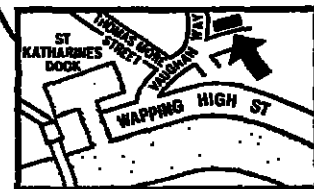
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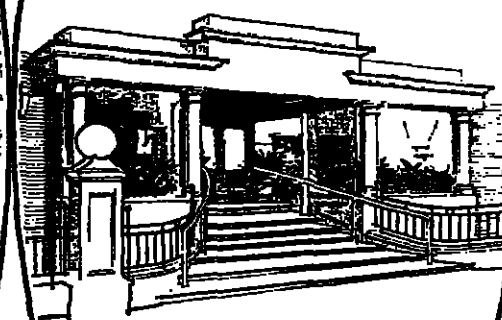


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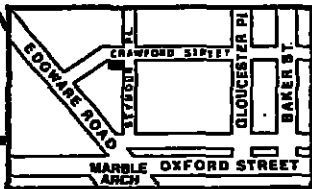
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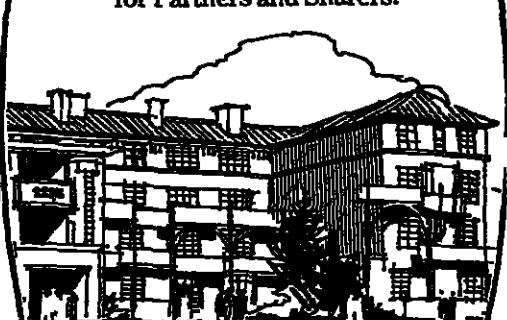


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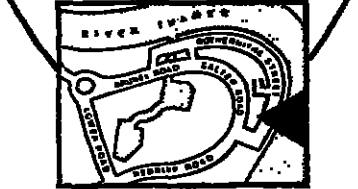
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Refusal of firearms certificate upheld

Regina v Aylesbury Crown Court, Ex parte Farrer
Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Mann

[Judgment March 8]
A former firearms dealer, whose appeal against the refusal of a firearms and shotgun certificate was dismissed by the Crown Court, was refused leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Stephen Manning Farrer from the decision of the Crown Court, which was made on January 23, 1987, of the refusal of a firearms and shotgun certificate by the Home Office.

Mr Farrer, in person, Mr Richard Latham for the appellant and Mr John Gifford for the respondent, appeared before the Court of Appeal.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, giving the judgment of the court, said that in 1982 Mr Farrer obtained a shotgun certificate, a firearms certificate and a certificate of registration as a firearms dealer.

In 1984 he was convicted of fraudulent trading in relation to his previous business as a dealer in firearms and sentenced to 18 months imprisonment. His firearms and shotgun certificates were revoked and his dealer's certificate expired.

After a hearing lasting six days before Judge Slack and Justices Neill and Mann, the Crown Court dismissed the appeal and refused leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal.

The hearing lasted three days and the court concluded that with particular reference to evidence of the carrying or wearing of firearms by Mr Farrer, it was satisfied that the grant of a public safety certificate would be a danger to public safety.

The question to be determined was whether that hearing involved any procedural irregularity or was conducted in such a way as to amount to a breach of the rules of natural justice. The judge was right to take the view that he could not dictate to the chief constable what witnesses, if any, he should call.

With the benefit of hindsight, it would have been wiser had the Crown Court decided to ignore the evidence of two of the witnesses. But it could not be said that in the present context the judge's decision constituted a breach of the rules of natural justice and of fairness of sufficient gravity to vitiate the decision reached by the Crown Court.

Although in the light of that conclusion the appeal could be disposed of without examining whether, if there were such a breach, the High Court had a discretion whether or not to quash the decision, it was right to consider that question.

It was now quite clear that even in a case where the court was satisfied that there had been a breach of the rules of natural justice, the court retained a discretion whether or not to grant relief.

The judge decided that at the end of the day the Crown Court would have refused the appeals and their Lordships could see no reason to interfere with the exercise by the judge of his discretion.

Solicitors: Mr D. C. H. Williams, Reading.

Machine Tool Industry Research Association v Simpson
Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Mann

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Only if the tribunal was satisfied that it was not "reasonably practicable" for her to have brought the complaint in time could the time limit be extended. The tribunal accepted the evidence of the employee that after the three months had expired she heard that the employers had re-engaged a typist at Macclesfield and that had raised the thought in her mind that there was no redundancy.

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to his intelligence to warn him. Also calling a prisoner aside and warning him often provoked an incident.

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ATHLETICS

Christie set King-size task by top Americans

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

For a man who was not planning to run indoors this season, Linford Christie has had a frantic time in the last couple of months. And it is not over yet. Nor, probably, are his chances of mind. On the plane back from Budapest, where he won the European indoor 60 metres, and finished third in the 200 metres over the weekend, Christie said he would do only one of those distances in the England v United States match at Cosford on Saturday.

But, in yesterday's team announcement, Christie lined up against Emmitt King and Thomas Jefferson in the 60 metres, quite as hard a match as he had in Budapest; and against Jefferson and Willie Caldwell in the 200 metres.

King, especially, should give Christie a testing time in the 60 metres, not least at the start, where Christie is getting a reputation as a "sleeper", someone who dwells on his blocks while all around are kicking theirs off behind them.

Christie can afford to do that against European opposition, of which he has the measure, though not as much as he would like, as the 200 metres in Budapest proved. But King is a different proposition. Shorter than Christie, he is a bullet-starter. He was third in the 1984 world championship 100 metres, and came back to that sort of form when winning the United States indoor title last month. He has run the same best time as Christie, 6.55sec. That suggests a photo-finish scenario, which should have the sell-out crowd out of their seats. Two straight races, faster than having to run heats as well,

should favour Christie, for Jefferson is the Olympic 200 metres bronze medal winner, although not presently in that sort of form.

David Sharpe, the other British gold medal winner in Budapest, moves up from the 800 to the 1,000 metres for this Kodak-sponsored match.

Sebastian Coe should have an easier time in the 3,000 metres than he had in the United States last month; unless his colleague, Adrian Passey, runs as fast as Brian Abshire did, lapping Coe and causing him to drop out, in his first race for nine months.

Greg Foster and Toni Campbell, rivals on the track and sparring partners off it, should have the hurdles all to themselves, since Jon Ridgeon and Colin Jackson are sitting out the event.

There is no truth in the rumour that the match had been brought forward a day to accommodate Barrington Williams and Jon Edwards. Both are Christians and refuse to compete on Sunday.

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Three members of the British world cross-country junior team, Spencer Duval, Jon Dennis and Neil Panchen, will compete in the national schools' championships at St Helens on Saturday.

Dashing graduate of the Corinthian school about to undertake a risky career move

Dilettante with taste for the uneasy

SIMON BARNES
CHELTEMHAM PEOPLE

When you have a name like Tim Thomson Jones, there is no escape from it. You are clearly destined to be an amateur rider. And if you are dashing and handsome and brave and, what is more, rich, you might just as well lower your worldly lids, flick an imaginary speck of dust from your impeccable Mechlin lace cuff, and generally live the life of a George H. R. R.

After four years in the Army with the Blues and Royals, Thomson Jones has swaggered and cavorted across the racetracks of Europe, winning British amateur riding championships on the flat and over the jumps, and winning the European riders' championship three times running. He has ridden in Madagascar (he had a double) and run a race in Hamburg in which the horses gallop through a lake and actually swim a few strides, or strokes, as they go.

He rode his 200th winner last spring, and has been living the life of the most wonderfully envious dilettante one could imagine. All it takes is the money and, of course, the talent to do it. It must be awfully nice to have both those things.

"If I did not come from a background where I didn't need to make a living, I would definitely have turned professional. No question about it," he said. And there is a vast difference between an amateur and a professional, not in skill (or not necessarily) but in attitude. No question about that, either.

"Yes, there is a tremendous leap between riding for fun, when you choose to do it, and riding as a business. Riding for fun you would not otherwise ride. Doing it for the money, I ride plenty of horses that have suspect careers, but they are horses I still feel I can justify riding. There is no pressure on me to ride a horse: no one will say 'Thomson Jones doesn't ride this horse or that horse, he hasn't got the right attitude'.



Scales of achievement: Tim Thomson Jones, giving up carefree days as an amateur rider for the responsibilities of life as a professional trainer

"Not all amateurs are good — many have full-time jobs, they can't ride races except at weekends, they can't even ride out. But what I like about amateur races is that the people involved in them have a Corinthian attitude.

Obstacles overcome by competitiveness

"I have ridden all over the world, set on horses for the first time and ridden them over the most extraordinary obstacles — I'd like to think that I have a Corinthian attitude, too.

"But I am also very competitive. Anything I do, I like to do as well as

I can. When I ride against professionals, there is no special thrill in beating one: because you have to be conceited in the first place, and think you're bloody good anyway."

And as a matter of fact, Thomson Jones is bloody good anyway: strong and determined, riding startlingly short, and capable of winning races against anybody. He rides as well as most. It is his attitude that is forever amateur.

But after cutting his swathe around Europe, and passing the magic age — he is now, barely, 31 — Thomson Jones seems to be totally in the grip of the Prince Hal syndrome. He has a sudden voracious appetite for care and responsibility and maturity and solidity and above all, for professionalism.

He has always wanted to train

racehorses, and has worked under Tim Forster and Peter Walwyn. But now he is itching to start for himself. "The whole idea of entering racing was to train, and that is why I never became a professional jockey. It has all been geared to starting up as a trainer.

Responsible to owners and to employees

"And I shall give up riding at the end of this jumping season, and start to train. I am negotiating for a yard, and I hope to set up very soon indeed.

"You can't go in as a trainer with a pure Corinthian, do-it-for-fun attitude. You have a responsibility to the owners and to the people you employ. You must give 100 per cent

of your time to making it work. The right attitude is everything, absolutely everything. I shan't continue riding that wouldn't be right. I shall be taking training very seriously. I have been lucky enough to achieve the goals I wanted to, as a rider, and that is why the challenge of training is coming at the right time.

"It is a whole new challenge. The thing is that racing is a business. A very serious business. Uneasy lies any head that trains racehorses. But I suppose that is part of the point. Thomson Jones is looking forward to a taste of unease.

TOMORROW

See Armytage, the darling of last year's Cheltenham Festival, prepares for next week's challenge.

ROWING

Henley's boost to juniors

By Jim Raitton

Henley Royal Regatta made even more friends in the sport when the stewards announced after their annual meeting in December that they would give financial support to specific rowing projects.

This year, the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) was asked to list a number of proposals for the Henley stewards' consideration, and the stewards have decided to give financial support for four of them. The total support given, including the tax relief which will be generated, amounts to £45,000.

The stewards will fund the salary and expenses of a full-time coach for the senior national squad, initially for three years. This is an important post and should prove to be a valuable investment for the future.

A high proportion of British junior oarsmen and oarswomen are from schools rather than boat clubs, and it is impractical to bring together those with international potential on any regular basis throughout the training season. Also, schoolboys and schoolgirls rowers need a coach on weekday afternoons, too, rather than weekends, making it impossible for an amateur coach to fulfil this particular task. A professional coach is needed to visit venues throughout the country to co-ordinate coaching and make assessments of the developing talent in the sport.

Sun really shone on the juniors with the news yesterday that the Henley stewards will, for this year only, assist with the cost of the April assessment camp and the July selection camp for the junior men's and women's Great Britain squad designates.

The stewards also recognize that Britain's often talented lightweight team is often regarded as the Cinderella of the sport and almost at the very end of the line when it comes to hand-outs. While the stewards again make it clear they do not expect to fund squad training camps each year, the talented lightweighters will be given financial assistance to attend the training camp in Italy this year prior to the lightweight world championships in Milan in early August.

The fourth project is a 50 per cent funding of a video on the physiology of exercise, to be made in conjunction with the physiology unit of the British Olympic Association at Northwick Park, and which will be of benefit to many sports.

Steps are also being taken to set up the Stewards' Charitable Trust, which will provide such support in future, as long as the beneficiaries can claim to have charitable purposes.

Change of heart

Colin Breen, the Swansea boxing manager, has abandoned his plans to sue the BBC after they stripped his boxer, Robert Dickie, of the British featherweight title for inactivity. Dickie is now likely to get a world top ten place and he has the chance of a crack at the European featherweight title.

Gymnastics has established a mass appeal at the start of its centenary year

Vaulting towards future success from a century's springboard

By Peter Ayckroyd

The British Amateur Gymnastics Association (BAGA) is celebrating its centenary at a time when the sport is enjoying popularity and success since the Amateur Gymnastics and Fencing Association, the BAGA's forerunner, was set up in 1888.

A century ago British gymnasts were among the most enthusiastic in Europe. In common with many other countries, Britain had adopted the German system of gymnastics as developed in the early 1800s by the educationalist, Friedrich Jahn, to improve the health and strength of its soldiers. Jahn had developed several pieces of apparatus, including the rings, pommel horse, parallel bars and horizontal bar, for basic strength exercises.

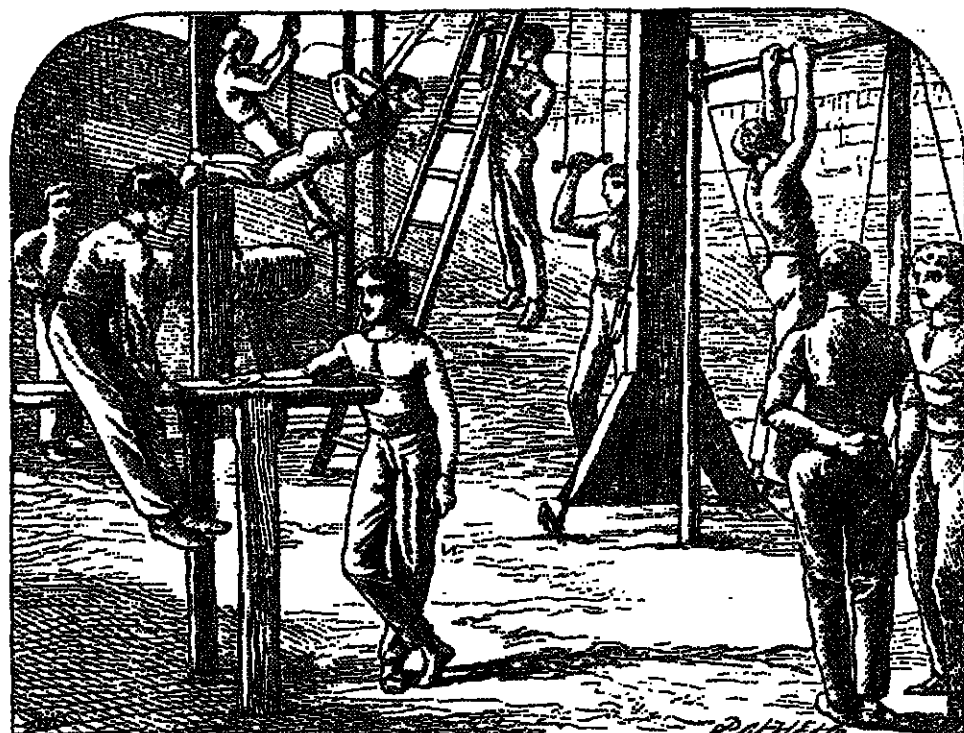
After the founding of the Army Physical Training Corps in 1903, gymnastics spread throughout the military and civilian populations. The sport soon took on a competitive form and — strictly for men only — matched the patriotic mood of the time. In 1893, Colonel G. M. Fox, Inspector of Army Gymnasia, stated: "Gymnastics should create courageous men, capable of powerful deeds."

The high point of British gymnastics this century was reached at the 1908 London Olympic Games, in which Stanley Tysall won the individual silver medal. The AGFA then boasted 60,000 registered gymnasts in 200 clubs.

From that time on, however, the British sport declined. The main reason for this was the growth of the Swedish method of gymnastics, favouring free physical expression, developed by Pehr G. Ling at the same time as the German system.

The Swedish system, developed on a scientific basis for the unisex approach, had many advantages for teachers. It required little or no apparatus, and large classes could be handled with comparative ease. Ling's teachings thus became widespread in schools.

During the First World War the British people reacted against much of German cul-



Gymnasts of the past: an illustration from The Modern Playmate by Reverend J. G. Wood

ture, and the German Gymnastics Society did not survive.

From then on the sport could flourish only in a few private clubs, mainly directed at adults, and which debared many enthusiastic young gymnasts by age and entry fee. But even though numbers of gymnasts were declining rapidly, the British men's team finished fifth and sixth at the 1920 Antwerp and 1924 Paris Olympic Games respectively. At the 1928 Amsterdam Games, where women gymnasts made their debut, the British women won a team bronze, the most recent British gymnastics medal achieved at a global event.

After the Second World War all new gymnasts had new techniques to learn. Not only had the German and Swedish systems finally come together to give the sport its modern format, but the Soviet Union, in its first Olympic appearance in Helsinki in 1952, demonstrated that gymnastics now had aesthetic possibilities. Few people,

however, grasped this concept until 1960, when the Rome Olympics were, for the first time, covered by television.

The resulting impact led to the revival of the sport in Britain. Within a few months the Amateur Gymnastics Association, as AGFA had become, acquired its first sponsor — Odhams Press — enabling the 1960 British championships to be staged for the first time at a major venue, the Albert Hall.

The newly named BAGA achieved another breakthrough in 1963 when Government grants enabled it to launch a scheme to train coaches and appoint its first full-time national coach, Wray "Nik" Stuart. Among Stuart's many achievements was the devising of the BAGA Awards, the renowned proficiency scheme used today by 70 countries for training young gymnasts.

The BAGA Awards were introduced in time for the enormous surge in interest in

gymnastics following the widely televised appearances of Olga Korbut at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games, and since then the BAGA has been expanding rapidly.

Today it has 75,000 registered members in 1,000 clubs and employs seven full-time coaches, headed by John Atkinson, the BAGA technical director. The BAGA is determined that its next century will see British gymnasts move higher up the world league table. At present British women are ranked seventeenth and the men nineteenth. The Association is officially opening its £1.25 million National Centre, which has been constructed with the support of the Sports Council at Liffeshall.

John Atkinson is optimistic about the future: "The increase in facilities in what is one of the best centres in the world will provide greater flow, greater inspiration and greater motivation."

McKenzie must be on guard

By Bryan Stiles

Complacency and lack of motivation are the greatest dangers facing Duke McKenzie as he awaits the world title chance that must surely come his way in the next 12 months. Like all boxers close to challenging for a world crown, the European flyweight champion cannot afford a slip-up. Defeat now could wreck his chances, not just in the short-term.

It follows then that, though his defence against the Spanish challenger, Agapito Gomez, may look a bit of a chore, the Croydon boxer must ensure he is fired up to knock the Spaniard clean off his crazy merry-go-round of self-deception tonight at the Grand Hall, Wembley.

McKenzie had dreams of being world champion at this stage, the chief of taking on the rugged little Continentals well behind him, but not Chitalada, of Thailand, the World Boxing Council champion, was unable to journey to Wembley last year because of influenza.

Bang went McKenzie's chance of taking the crown and he responded by putting on a dismal performance in defeating Juan Herrera, the former World Boxing Association champion, in his last bout, last December. He cannot afford a such a display tonight.

While McKenzie must have felt his career had come to an abrupt halt Gomez was merely going around in circles. In the past three years he has met, and beaten, Juan Montero three times, Blas Canovas three times, and German Nunez twice. The victories might look good on his record but it reveals a deplorable lack of ambition, and probably a lack of talent. He carries no worthy scalp on his belt.

At 29 he is four years older than McKenzie, who is still undefeated in 18 bouts. The Croydon boxer took the British title from Danny Flynn in March 1985 and the European crown from Charlie Magri in May the following year.

McKenzie last defended his European title against Giampiero Rina in Italy, the Italian's spirited do-or-die performance making life extremely difficult for the Briton.

The lanky McKenzie's long reach and stinging left jab has often set up his opponents for dispatch at the receiving end of a right cross. It is a tactic his manager, Mickey Duff, will be looking for tonight.

BOXING

Notice out to add weight to cause

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

If Horace Notice were a stone heavier and 2½ inches taller he would be the most talked about heavyweight in Britain and leading the challenge for Mike Tyson's title.

Technically Notice is far superior to Frank Bruno and Gary Mason, his better known colleagues at Terry Lawless's gym, but because he is 14st 13lb and 6ft 1½in "small", the British and Commonwealth champion has gone unnoticed despite his record of 16 out of 16, 11 of those wins coming inside the distance. He has even won a Lonsdale Belt outright.

Notice should chalk up another win when he defends his titles against Trevor Currie at York Hall, Bethnal Green, London. A spectacular finish could signal a move into the hype-powered world of Bruno.

Notice and Currie met almost two years ago on the Isle of Man and Notice took the title from Currie by stopping the 16st Caiford man in six rounds. Since then Currie has had five contests, winning four and losing one and changed managers, moving from Frank Warren to Mike Barrett.

If Currie's luck and stamina have changed, he could cause an upset, though there is no reason to suppose that there have been any significant improvements in stamina and

boxing ability. Currie does, however, carry a heavy, if not devastating, punch, and his best bet is to land it early as he did in the Isle of Man, forcing Notice to take a count.

If Currie has not taken charge by the sixth round he could be in trouble. If his arms and legs give out he could find himself in the same painful situation of having to drag himself round the ring as when he struggled to stay on his feet and lift his arms against Proud Kilimanjaro in Cardiff. In such a case Notice will put him out on a cut.

At the other end of the scale, two Scottish flyweights, Pat Clinton and Joe Kelly, contest the British championship vacated by Dave McAuley, of Larne. Like Notice and Currie, the two little men have met before, when Clinton stopped the Glaswegian in two rounds on a cut.

Clinton, who won two ABA titles and went to the Los Angeles Olympics, is unbeaten in 12 contests. He is a southpaw and a good boxer. He has a good right hook and can string three hard punches together.

Kelly, who has been stopped twice in his 14-bout career by McAuley and Bobby McDermott, can be too game for his own good and before long could come on to the Croy boxer's blows and be stopped in the later rounds.

Duran bout in London

By Srikumar Sen

Three former world champions, Roberto Duran, James "Buncrusher" Smith and John Tate, will be meeting British opponents in London in March and April on shows promoted by Terry Marsh and Frank Maloney.

Duran's opponent will be the winner of the midweight bout between Errol Christie and Prince Rodney, who appear on the bill that features Tate against Noel Quarless, of Liverpool, on March 30. If Quarless, wins he then meets Smith.

However, before all 17 stones of Tate can enter the ring, he will have to satisfy the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) that he is fit to box. He has boxed once this year and twice in 1987. John Morris, the secretary of the Board, said yesterday: "I only heard yesterday that Tate was coming. I gather he has been rather more

than 17st, so we would like to know what is the state of his health, what commission he belongs to, and what they have to say about him."

The Board also has another bout between heavyweights to settle before that. It must decide who has the right to promote the Commonwealth welterweight title bout: Frank Warren or Mike Barrett.

Warren lodged a contract with the Commonwealth Federation for George Collins to challenge Wilf Gentzen, of Australia, at York Hall on March 29, and Barrett waved a contract about yesterday for Gary Jacobs to meet Gentzen at Glasgow on April 13. Warren's contract is signed by Gentzen's agent, who has the right to challenge and his father, who is his manager. The matter goes before the Board today.

RUGBY LEAGUE

By Keith Macklin

World final may go to Wembley

Officials of the Rugby League are considering a suggestion that, in the event of Great Britain and Australia reaching the final of the World Cup, the match should be played at Wembley.

Plans are almost complete for the final to be staged in Los Angeles as a development exercise, coinciding with a major campaign to popularize Rugby League in the United States.

However, the Los Angeles stadium has a maximum capacity of only 12,000.

David Howes, the League's public relations officer, says the idea of taking the final to Wembley is no more than a suggestion, with Los Angeles still the favourite venue.

Darren Bloor, the Salford half back, will appear before the disciplinary committee tomorrow

and will use a videotape as evidence in his attempt to avoid suspension. Salford need Bloor for their Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final at Bolton on Saturday.

Bloor appears before the committee after three sin-bin offences, the last of which involved an alleged foul tackle on the St Helens half back, Neil Holding, in Salford's surprise cup win in the quarter-finals.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League First division
Tottenham v Everton (7.45)

Fourth division
Exeter v Peterborough

Sherpa Van Trophy Northern section Semi-final
Hartlepool v Preston

Southern section Semi-final
Brighton v Notts Co

GM Acceptance Cup Quarter-final
Welling v Weymouth

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.00) First division: Hull v Grimsby. Second division: Darlington v York. Third division: Stockport v Macclesfield. Fourth division: Blackpool v Wigan. Fifth division: Walsley v Swindon. Sixth division: Macclesfield v Swindon. Seventh division: Macclesfield v Swindon. Eighth division: Macclesfield v Swindon. Ninth division: Macclesfield v Swindon. Tenth division: Macclesfield v Swindon.

VAUXHALL-ORIEL LEAGUE AC Delta City, Second division: South: Kingstonian. Second division south: Harlequin v Wyke. (7.45); Molesey v Harefield.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE Premier division: Carlisle v Workington. First division: Carlisle v Workington. Second division: Carlisle v Workington. Third division: Carlisle v Workington. Fourth division: Carlisle v Workington. Fifth division: Carlisle v Workington. Sixth division: Carlisle v Workington. Seventh division: Carlisle v Workington. Eighth division: Carlisle v Workington. Ninth division: Carlisle v Workington. Tenth division: Carlisle v Workington.

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HOSPITALS CUP Final: Royal Free v St Mary's (at St Mary's Hospital, 7.15).

CLUB MATCHES Bridgend v Swansea (7.15); Cross Keys v Aberystwyth (7.15); Darlington v Durham University (7.15); Glamorgan Wanderers v Macclesfield (7.15); Macclesfield v Swansea (7.15); Newport v Ebbw Vale (7.15); Oxford University v Oxfordshire (7.15); Pontypridd v Penarth (7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP Second division: Carlisle v Barrow; Rochdale v Walsley.

OTHER SPORT
BADMINTON England v Soviet Union (at Blatchley).

BASKETBALL Newcastle Trophy: Bolton and Burn v Oldham (8.00).

BILLIARDS Newcastle world championships (at Bolton).

BOXING British and Commonwealth heavyweight championship: Horace Notice v Trevor Currie (at York Hall, Bethnal Green); European flyweight championship: Pat Clinton v Joe Kelly (at Stoke Mandeville); World flyweight championship: Pat Clinton v Joe Kelly (at Stoke Mandeville).

BOWLS Embassy world indoor championship: Alexandra Palace (see also Sportsnight).

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